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H-5894Aaa - 2012 Appropriations Act - Relevant Articles Included**

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CODE ENFORCEMENT

H-5537 BOILER INSPECTIONS (Serpa & Ruggerio) This act would expand the types of buildings that would be exempt from the state mandated requirements of boiler and pressure system inspections based on the size of the water heater. This exemption also would now apply to public buildings and schools. Labor

H-5549 BUILDING PERMITS (Serpa & Ruggerio) This act would reduce the time frame in which a building official must reject the application or issue a building permit from 60 calendar days to 30 calendar days for construction of a new residential dwelling. It also would establish options for the applicant if the timeline for approval or disapproval is not achieved. Municipal Government

H-5550 PHYSICAL ALTERATION PERMIT (Serpa) This act would require the issuance of a physical alteration permit for a building permit to be issued when the application requires access to state highways. The lack of a permit shall not be cause for the building official to delay examination of the building permit application. Municipal Government

H-5586 STATE BUILDING CODE (Mattiello & Others) This act would establish a restricted receipt account for permit fees collected by cities/towns which purpose it would be to purchase and operate a web-accessible software system to be utilized by the state and municipalities for a uniform statewide electronic plan review, permit management, and inspection system. Finance

H-5605 SPRINKLER AND FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS (Trillo & Others) This act would reinstate the sales tax exemption for sprinkler and fire alarm systems in existing buildings by amending its expiration date which now will be extended to December 31, 2013. Finance

H-5783 OUTDOOR WOOD-FIRED HYDRONIC HEATERS (Flaherty & Others) This act would regulate the sale and installation of outdoor wood-fired hydronic heaters. Local building officials would have the authority to enforce provisions regarding types of heaters, manner of installation, and permitted fuels. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5784 WOOD BURNING STOVES (Handy & Others) This act would require the phase-out of wood stoves without Environmental Protection Agency certification in densely populated residential areas. Local fire authorities would have the responsibility to inspect wood stoves for an EPA certification label, and to issue notices of violations with copies sent to local law enforcement authorities. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5832 BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS (Lima) This resolution would extend the reporting date of the Special House Commission to Examine the Issue of Licensing Builders and Contrcators from May 6, 2010, to June 8, 2012, and said commission would expire on July 6, 2012. Corporations

H-5902 FORECLOSED PROPERTY UPKEEP ACT (Lima & Costa) This act would establish the "Rhode Island Foreclosed Property Upkeep Act" which would require a financial institution or business entity that purchases a foreclosed property to maintain the property in accordance with the "Rhode Housing Maintenance and Occupancy Code", and to post a bond with the municipality in which the foreclosed property is located. The financial institution or business entity that holds a mortgage must record in the land evidence records a document identifying an agent in Rhode Island for service of process. Judiciary

H-5984 BUILDING OFFICIALS: APPLICATIONS (Serpa) This act would reduce the time frame in which a building official must reject the application or issue a building permit from 60 calendar days to 30 calendar days for construction of a new residential dwelling. It also adds new language addressing permit applications for rehabilitation of certain existing residential dwellings and construction of a new or existing light commercial building. Municipal Government

S-20 STATE BUILDING CODE (Sosnowski) This act would require the State Building Standards Committee to publish the State Building Code, and post it on the Internet making it available to the general public at no cost. Housing & Municipal Government

S-47 OUTDOOR WOOD-FIRED HYDRONIC HEATERS (Walaska & Others) This act would regulate the sale and installation of outdoor wood-fired hydronic heaters. Local building officials would have the authority to enforce provisions regarding types of heaters, manner of installation, and permitted fuels. Environment & Agriculture

S-108 TOXIC MOLD PROTECTION ACT (Lanzi & Others) This act would require the Department of Health to adopt permissible exposure limits to mold in indoor environments, procedures for the assessment of the health risk posed by the presence of mold, mold identification guidelines and remediation procedures. Health & Human Services

S-252 BOILER INSPECTIONS (O'Neill & Others) This act would expand the types of buildings that would be exempt from the state mandated requirements of boiler and pressure system inspections based on the size of the water heater. This exemption also would now apply to public buildings and schools. Labor

S-332 MORTGAGE AND FORECLOSURE SALE (Metts & Others) This act would require mortgagees, upon filing of a notice of intent to foreclose on a mortgage on residential property, to serve a copy of that notice with the city/town clerk where the property is located at the same time as service on the mortgagor. If, after filing the notice of intention to foreclose, the property becomes vacant prior to vesting of title the municipality may require the mortgagee to correct housing code violations. Judiciary

S-532 PHYSICAL ALTERATION PERMIT (Lynch & Others) This act would require the issuance of a physical alteration permit for a building permit to be issued when the application requires access to state highways. The lack of a permit shall not be cause for the building official to delay examination of the building permit application. Housing & Municipal Government

S-535 BUILDING PERMITS (Lynch & Others) This act would reduce the time frame in which a building official must either reject the application or issue a building permit from 60 calendar days to 30 calendar days for construction of a new residential dwelling. It also would establish options for the applicant if the timeline for approval or disapproval is not achieved. Housing & Municipal Government

S-536 BUILDING OFFICIALS: APPLICATIONS (Lynch & DiPalma) This act would reduce the time frame in which a building official must either reject the application or issue a building permit from 60 calendar days to 30 calendar days for construction of a new residential dwelling. It also adds new language addressing permit applications for rehabilitation of certain existing residential dwellings and construction of a new or existing light commercial building. Housing & Municipal Government

S-547 HIGHLY CONGESTED STRUCTURES (Bates & Others) This act would provide that the provisions of the Fire Safety Code shall only apply to buildings or structures that, in the opinion of the state fire marshal, are highly trafficked, populated or congested and present a clear public safety risk in accordance with guidelines established by the fire marshal. Housing & Municipal Government

S-548 LICENSED HOME INSPECTORS (DaPonte & DeVall) This act would authorize licensed home inspectors to conduct smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector plan reviews in addition to the local fire authority, and also it would exempt owner-occupied 3 unit dwellings from the \$175.00 inspection fee. Housing & Municipal Government

S-856 BUILDING PERMIT FEES (Sosnowski) This act would establish a restricted receipt account into which permit fees for projects shall be deposited. Also, the local levy presently collected for permits will be used to purchase and operate a web-accessible software system to be utilized for a uniform, statewide electronic plan review, permit management and inspection system. Finance

S-895 BOILER INSPECTION AND PRESSURE VESSELS (Doyle) This act would increase the BTU limits with respect to certain types of boilers and pressure vessels that are exempt from the state mandated requirements of boiler and pressure vessel inspections. Labor

S-1014 BOILER INSPECTION AND PRESSURE VESSELS (O'Neill & Doyle) This act would provide that the Department of Labor and Training define the term "places of public assembly" for the purpose of determining exemptions from the state mandated requirements of boiler and pressure system inspections. "Places of public assembly" would continue to be non-exempt. Labor

EDUCATION & SCHOOLS

H-5049A KINDERGARTEN (DaSilva & Johnston) This resolution would support full-day kindergarten classes which would result in an increase in the hours per day kindergarten students would be required to attend class by mandating at least a 5 ½ hour school day exclusive of various specified activities. H.E.W.

H-5058 STATE AID TO VOCATIONAL EDUCATION (Walsh & Others) This act would require the state to pay annually for all tuition and costs for students attending state elementary and secondary vocational or technical schools. Finance

H-5061 COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE (McNamara & Others) This act would increase the age required for compulsory school attendance from 16 to 18 years of age. It would also establish various criteria which would allow withdrawal prior to 18 years of age, including obtaining a waiver from the local superintendent of schools which may be granted if an alternative learning plan exists. H.E.W.

H-5064 OPEN MEETINGS: SCHOOL COMMITTEES (Serpa & Others) This act would amend the open meetings law by permitting school committees to satisfy the public notice requirements regarding their meetings either through electronic publication or on an official website maintained by the school committee, and/or by publication in a newspaper. Judiciary

H-5120 SCHOOL SUSPENSION PROGRAMS (Diaz & Others) This act would require the school principals in schools with excessive suspension rates to establish a team of teachers, guidance counselors, and parents to create a discipline plan and an in-house suspension plan. H.E.W.

H-5169 AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (Petrarca) This act would mandate that all high schools and middle schools, whether public or private, have functional automatic external defibrillators on school grounds at all times. Finance

H-5172 KINDERGARTEN (Ucci) This act would authorize school departments to admit children into their kindergarten programs even though those children have not reached age 5 by September 1 of the school year. Such admissions would be made in accordance with guidelines promulgated by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. H.E.W.

H-5175 FEDERAL RACE TO THE TOP FUNDS (Tomasso & Others) This resolution would create a special legislative commission to monitor the financial impact of the expenditure of federal Race to the Top funds on local school district recipients. H.E.W.

H-5186 SCHOOL BUS MONITORS (Costa & Others) This act would remove the requirement for school bus monitors in grades kindergarten through 5. Municipal Government

H-5189 ADVERTISING SPACE ON SCHOOL BUSES (Petrarca & Others) This act would authorize school committees to sell advertising space on school buses. Municipal Government

H-5220 OPEN MEETINGS: SCHOOL COMMITTEES (Winfield & Flaherty) This act would eliminate the requirement, for the purposes of the open meetings law, that school committees give public notice of their meetings by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the school district under the committee's jurisdiction. Judiciary

H-5246 SCHOOL REGIONALIZATION BONUSES (Malik & Others) This act would amend the provisions of the "Education Equity and Property Tax Relief Act" by freezing the amount of the regionalization bonus at 2% of the state's share of the foundation education aid for the regionalized district. Finance

H-5286 CHILDREN WITH AUTISM (Palumbo) This joint resolution would extend the reporting date of the special joint commission to study the education of children with autism from January 26, 2011, to January 24, 2012, and the commission would expire on June 28, 2012. H.E.W.

H-5288 SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS: CRIMINAL RECORDS (Nunes & O'Neill) This act would allow persons who volunteer in schools to have a criminal records inquiry completed either at the state or local level, and the school department must submit a records release authorization to the police department prior to the records check being done. Judiciary

H-5297 NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS (Jackson & Others) This act would amend the notification requirements regarding the dismissal, suspension or lay-off of teachers from March 1st to June 1st. Labor

H-5327 ANNUAL REGIONAL SCHOOLS BUDGETS (Chippendale & Others) This act would provide that debt service which is no longer carried on the books of any regional school district would not be included in the annual regional school district budget, nor be included in maintenance of effort or in the operating budget. Finance

H-5334 NUTRITIONAL LABELING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS (McNamara & Naughton) This act would require all public school food service establishments to post on menu boards and in menus the calorie and nutritional labeling information for each menu item. H.E.W.

H-5350 OPEN MEETINGS: SCHOOL COMMITTEES (Reilly & Others) This act would amend the open meetings law by permitting school committees to satisfy the publication requirements regarding their meetings either by publication electronically or on an official website maintained by the school committee, and/or by publication in a newspaper. Judiciary

H-5379 SCHOOL BUS ROUTES (Reilly & Others) This act would eliminate the requirement that the local police chief of each city/town must review all school bus routes for safety hazards within 90 days of the start of each school year. Municipal Government

H-5392 SCHOOL BUDGETS (Ehrhardt & Others) This act would allow cities/towns which did not reduce their school committee budget contributions for fiscal years 2010 and 2011 to contribute an amount not less than 95% of the 2011 contribution for the 2012 fiscal year. Finance

H-5396 LENGTH OF SCHOOL YEAR (Corvese) This act would authorize the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education to extend the school year in school districts which are not demonstrating sufficient yearly progress toward educational goals and objectives. Finance

H-5397 SCHOOL BUDGETS (Morgan & Others) This act would repeal the "Caruolo Act" (16-2-21.4). Finance

H-5399 SCHOOL AID: REGIONAL DISTRICTS (Morrison & Others) This act would amend "The Education Equity and Property Tax Relief Act" by adding a new section – 16-7.2-11 "Additional Appropriations to Regional School Districts". These additional appropriations would be based upon the inherent and intrinsic costs of operating school districts which encompass multiple municipalities. Finance

H-5433 SCHOOL HOUSING PROJECT COSTS (Keable & Newberry) This act would provide that bonds for school housing projects now also could be issued from communities with a stand alone investment grade rating of at least "A" as established by Fitch Ratings, Ltd., Moody's Investors Service, Inc., and/or Standard & Poor's Rating Service. Finance

H-5440 SCHOOL AND YOUTH PROGRAMS (Gallison & Others) This act would establish further safeguards and procedures governing how to treat youth athletes who receive concussions. H.E.W.

H-5483 COOPERATIVE SERVICE AMONG SCHOOL DISTRICTS (McNamara & Others) This act would provide that the Urban Collaborative would receive state education funds under the new permanent foundation education aid formula in the same manner as these funds are paid to charter public schools. Finance

H-5491 FUNDING OF CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Silva) This act would change the formula used in granting state aid for reimbursement of charter public school housing costs. Finance

H-5492 SCHOOL HOUSING AID (Silva) This act would make applicable to charter public schools the floor on state aid for school housing costs, as well as the annual percentage increases for the floor on school housing costs. Finance

H-5495 REIMBURSEMENT FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION (Fellela & Others) This act would allow school districts that participate in the Northern Rhode Island Educational Collaborative, and do not have their own vocational technical programs, to receive 10% state reimbursement for tuition and transportation costs for vocational education students. Finance

H-5500 GREEN CLEANING ACT OF 2011 (Silva) This act would require schools to establish a sustainable cleaning policy, and to exclusively purchase and use environmentally preferable cleaning products, equipment and paper. H.E.W.

H-5539 INDEPENDENT CHARTER SCHOOLS (Silva) This act would provide that no independent charter school teacher or administrator would be required to participate in the teachers' retirement system. The school may offer its employees the option to participate in an alternative retirement program. Labor

H-5540 NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS (Guthrie & Others) This act would amend the notification requirements regarding the dismissal, suspension or lay-off of teachers, moving the notification date from March 1st to June 1st. Labor

H-5590 SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAMS (Ferri & Others) This act would enable the Department of Education to implement its final report on the creation of a demonstration program for after school and summer learning for school children. This act would provide funding for the operation of that demonstration program. Finance

H-5611 FOUNDATION EDUCATION AID FORMULA (McLaughlin & Others) This act would clarify that the new formula for foundation education aid shall be implemented with the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2011. The act also would direct the general assembly to attempt to accelerate implementation of the formula to make up any loss in state education aid during the transition period. This act also would establish the amount of state education aid received in the 2011 fiscal year as a floor level for all years thereafter, and also would provide that any accelerated aid received would not be used to offset education aid already received or to be received by school districts under the formula. Finance

H-5630 ENVIRONMENTAL CLEAN UP OBJECTIVES FOR SCHOOLS (Slater & Others) This act would prohibit the construction, rehabilitation and leasing of buildings to be used as schools where there exists the potential for contamination by hazardous materials. In certain situations the project sponsor may choose to satisfy a burdensome set of measures in order to have the opportunity to proceed. H.E.W.

H-5636 SCHOOL BUSES (Jacquard & MacBeth) This article would require that, effective August 1, 2011, all school buses purchased for use in the state be equipped with seat belt assemblies for each passenger and operator seat, and would also require mandatory safety belt use by the school bus operator and each passenger. H.E.W.

H-5639 TEACHERS' TENURE (Guthrie & Others) This act would amend the situations in which a school board could suspend or layoff teachers by including program reduction or elimination or budget reduction as reasons. Also this act would move the notification date from March 1st to May 15th. H.E.W.

H-5657aa SCHOOL BUS SAFETY ENFORCEMENT (O'Neill & Others) This act would amend the provisions regarding the procedures governing the prosecution of the "School Bus Safety Enforcement" chapter of the general laws. Specifically, the act clarifies the procedures to be used against the owner of a vehicle alleged to have failed to stop or to have passed a school bus when the allegation is based upon evidence obtained from a live digital video school bus violation detection monitoring system. Judiciary

H-5698 CERTIFIED NURSES (Morgan & Others) This act would repeal the provisions of the general laws which require certified nurses in public schools to be certified as nurse teachers. Labor

H-5716 OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS – OPEB TRUSTS (Gallison & Others) This act would add corporations pursuant to Chapter 5 of Title 45 entitled “Councils and Governing Bodies” to the list of entities which may act as trustees for trust agreements among school districts and banks or trust companies in reference to OPEB trusts. It also would allow school districts to utilize these corporations to advise on the investment of the OPEB trust fund. Municipal Government

H-5732A GENOCIDE EDUCATION IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS (Williams & Others) This act would require the Department of Education to make available on its website curriculum materials to assist local and regional school committees in developing instructional programs related to genocides for all middle and high school students. H.E.W.

H-5786 UNFUNDED EDUCATIONAL MANDATES (Hearn) This act would permit high performing school districts to petition the General Assembly for relief from unfunded noninstructional education mandates. Finance

H-5820 SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONTRACTS (Nunes & Others) This act would provide that city/town councils would have the responsibility of ratifying all contracts entered into by the school committees. Municipal Government

H-5849 SCHOOL BUDGETS (Morgan) This act would prohibit a school committee from exceeding the budget appropriated for it, and also would provide that in the event of a violation of this prohibition that the authority for expenditure of funds would be transferred to the city/town council for a period of 5 years. Finance

H-5853 TEACHER TRAINING (McNamara) This act would require the establishment of clear training guidelines for teachers that require teachers of advanced placement courses to obtain recognized advanced placement training endorsed by the college board. H.E.W.

H-5856 PAYMENTS FOR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (Reilly & Ruggiero) This act would allow school districts to assess students reasonable fees for participation in extracurricular school activities such as sports, clubs and bands. The act also would allow school departments and school committees to accept grants, gifts and donations from various specified entities. H.E.W.

H-5857 EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT (Tomasso) This act would add language which designates school committees as the primary advocates for public school students. Their primary duty as advocates is to recognize their greatest concern must be educational achievement and the overall welfare of their students. H.E.W.

H-5883 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS (Trillo & Brien) This act would provide that, if a city/town charter or ordinance empowers a city/town council to ratify the collective bargaining agreements of its school committee, then no collective bargaining agreement becomes effective unless ratified by the city/town council. Municipal Government

H-5894Aaa 2012 APPROPRIATIONS ACT (Melo)

ART. 5 SCHOOL AID This article provides for a greater increase in education aid, except for the City of Central Falls for which education aid is reduced, coupled with an additional distribution of 2011 stimulus fiscal stabilization funds. It also would provide that general revenue appropriations would be reduced by the amount allocated each education agency under the terms of the federal Education Jobs Fund program for FY2012 only. Finance

H-5894Aaa 2012 APPROPRIATIONS ACT (Melo)

ART. 10 STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM This article provides that there would be deducted from the final aid payment to school districts any amounts owed to the state for transportation of students under the statewide transportation system. This article also would address the following issues: pupil transportation vehicles; school district responsibility for tuition to cover the costs of educational services provided by the "School for the Deaf". Finance

H-5894Aaa 2012 APPROPRIATIONS ACT (Melo)

ART. 12 SCHOOL COMMITTEES: OPEN MEETINGS This article would eliminate the requirement that school committees give public notice of their meetings by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the school district under the committee's jurisdiction. Finance

H-5894 2012 APPROPRIATIONS ACT (Melo) **(Deleted from H-5894A)**

ART. 12 CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS – SCHOOL HOUSING AID This article creates a calculation which will be used to determine state share entitlement for reimbursement of school housing costs for charter schools. Finance

H-5901 HEALTH CARE BENEFITS (McNamara) This act would increase the number of uniform health care benefit plans designed for their employees that can be considered for implementation by public school systems and districts by using the word 'recommended' in reference thereto. H.E.W.

H-5909 FOUNDATION EDUCATION AID FORMULA (McLaughlin) This act would clarify that the new formula for foundation education aid shall be implemented with the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2011. The act also would direct the general assembly to attempt to accelerate implementation of the formula to make up for any loss in state education aid during the transition period. This act also would establish the amount of state education aid received in the 2011 fiscal year as a floor level for all years thereafter. Finance

H-5941Aaa SAFE SCHOOLS (Ruggiero & Others) This act would create the "Safe School Act" which would address the problems of school "bullying" and "cyber-bullying" through the Department of Education prescribing by regulation a statewide bullying policy to ensure a consistent statewide approach to the problem. This act also would repeal Section 16-21-26 – "Student discipline codes". H.E.W.

H-5943 SCHOOL TEACHERS' ARBITRATION (Carnevale & Others) This act would provide that if a successor collective bargaining agreement has not been agreed to by the parties the existing contract shall continue in effect until an agreement has been reached among the parties. Labor

H-5978 RHODE ISLAND EDUCATION (Tomasso & Cimini) This resolution endorses the Department of Education's strategic plan known as "Transforming Rhode Island Education". H.E.W.

H-5995 FAMILY ENGAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (Ferri & Others) This act would establish a statewide family engagement advisory council which purpose it would be to streamline the process of greater family engagement in the education process. H.E.W.

H-6007 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (Walsh & Others) This act would make participation in professional development by school committee members a voluntary activity, and would remove the current mandate requiring 6 hours annually of professional development by school committee members. H.E.W.

H-6055 RECOVERY HIGH SCHOOL ACT (Ferri & Others) This act would allow for the establishment of recovery high schools for students diagnosed with substance abuse disorder or dependency. Entities eligible to establish public charter schools may submit proposals to the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education and the relevant school committee. Finance

H-6056 CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES (Morrison & Others) This act would provide a framework for the awarding of attorneys' fees associated with court proceedings governing the education of children with disabilities. Finance

H-6177 BOARD OF REGENTS FOR EDUCATION (Ferri & Others) This act would establish a new department of state government to be known as the Board of Regents for Education. This new entity would combine and assume the duties of the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education and the Board of Governors for Higher Education, both of which would be dissolved. Among its provisions would be the development and implementation of a voluntary statewide purchasing system for all public schools. Finance

H-6196 HOUSING AID REIMBURSEMENT (Tarro & Others) This act would serve as the enabling act required by general laws section 16-7-44 in order for the interest on bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness in the amount of \$4,750,000 issued by the Urban Collaborative to finance school construction and improvements to be eligible for state housing aid reimbursement. Finance

H-6219 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (Keable & Others) This act would require the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education to establish and maintain a system of career and technical education that maintains ongoing connections with higher education, meets the needs of local business and industry, and promotes workforce development. H.E.W.

H-6223 CERTIFICATION STANDARDS BOARD (Gallison & Others) This act would add 2 members of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Rhode Island (AICU Rhode Island) to the Policy Advisory Board on Teacher and Administrator Certification. H.E.W.

H-6274 TEXTBOOKS (Hearn) This joint resolution would extend the reporting and expiration dates of the "Special Legislative Commission to Study the Purchase and Use of Textbooks in Public Schools" to October 1, 2011, and December 31, 2011, respectively. H.E.W.

S-46 COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE (DiPalma & Others) This act would increase the age required for compulsory school attendance from 16 to 18 years of age. It would also establish various criteria which would allow withdrawal prior to 18 years of age, including obtaining a waiver from the local superintendent of schools which may be granted if an alternative learning plan exists. Education

S-51 OTHER POST- EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS – OPEB TRUSTS (DiPalma & Others) This act would add corporations established pursuant to Chapter 5 of Title 45 entitled "Councils and Governing Bodies" to the list of entities which may act as trustee for trust agreements among school districts and banks or trust companies in reference to OPEB trusts. It also would allow school districts to utilize these corporations to advise on the investment of the OPEB trust fund. Finance

S-68 OPEN MEETINGS (Tassoni & Others) This act would eliminate the requirement, for the purposes of the open meetings law, that school committees be required to give public notice of their meetings by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the school district. Judiciary

S-71 NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS (DiPalma & Others) This act would amend the notification requirements regarding the dismissal, suspension or lay-off of teachers, moving the notification date from March 1st to June 1st. Labor

S-123 SCHOOL COMMITTEES: OPEN MEETINGS NOTICES (Picard) This act would change the language regarding public notice of school committee meetings. The notice requirement would be met by publication in a daily or weekly newspaper, whether or not it has paying subscribers, circulated within the area over which the school committee has jurisdiction. Judiciary

S-135 PURCHASE AND USE OF TEXTBOOKS (O'Neill & Others) This joint resolution would extend the reporting and expiration dates of the special legislative commission to study the purchase and use of textbooks in public schools. Consent Calendar

S-144A SCHOOL BUS SAFETY ENFORCEMENT (Ruggerio & Others) This act would amend the provisions regarding procedures governing the prosecution of the "School Bus Safety Enforcement" chapter of the general laws. Specifically, the act clarifies the procedures to be used against the owner of a vehicle alleged to have failed to stop or to have passed a school bus when the allegation is based upon evidence obtained from a live digital video school bus violation detection monitoring system. Finance

S-149 HOUSING AID (Metts & Others) This act would prohibit housing aid from being used to cover the costs of remediation of a hazardous waste site, and it also would prohibit locating schools on toxic waste sites. Finance

S-182 SCHOOL YEAR (Picard) This act would allow school districts to use longer school days to educate students, and to do so in less than 180 days as long as the total amount of school hours is a minimum of 1,080 per school year. Education

S-183 STATE AID TO VOCATIONAL EDUCATION (Algiere & Maher) This act would require the state to pay annually for all the tuition and costs for students attending state elementary and secondary vocational or technical schools. Education

S-231 OPEN MEETINGS: SCHOOL COMMITTEES (Gallo & Others) This act would amend various provisions relating to the legal requirement that school committees give proper notice of their meetings, and the publication of these notices by electronic means. Judiciary

S-290A GENOCIDE EDUCATION IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS (Miller) This act would require the Department of Education to make available on its website curriculum materials to assist local and regional school committees in developing instructional programs related to genocides for all middle and high school students. Education

S-291 SCHOOL AND YOUTH PROGRAMS (Felag & Others) This act would establish further safeguards and procedures governing how to treat youth athletes who receive concussions. Education

S-292 SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAMS (DeVall & Others) This act would enable the Department of Education to implement its final report on the creation of a demonstration program for after school and summer learning for school children. This act also would provide funding for the operation of that demonstration program. Education

S-403 TEACHERS' TENURE (Cicccone & DiPalma) This act would amend the situations in which a school board could suspend or layoff teachers by including program reduction or elimination or budget reduction as reasons. Also, this act would move the notification date from March 1st to May 15th. Labor

S-406 STATEWIDE TEACHER CONTRACT (Moura & Others) This act would require the use in all public schools of a uniform statewide teacher contract prepared by the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education. It would apply to all teachers newly hired effective July 1, 2011. Labor

S-407 UNION DUES (Moura & Others) This act would provide that teachers who are members of a certified collective bargaining unit shall not be terminated based upon their failure to authorize the deduction of union dues from their pay. Labor

S-410 UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Gallo & Miller) This act would enable employees of educational institutions who are not offered the opportunity to return to perform services immediately after an established and customary vacation period or holiday to receive unemployment benefits. Labor

S-413 SCHOOL TEACHERS' ARBITRATION (McCaffrey) This act would provide that, if a successor collective bargaining agreement has not been agreed to by the parties, the existing contract shall continue in effect until an agreement has been reached among the parties. Labor

S-429 FUNDING OF VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS (Gallo & Others) This resolution would extend the reporting and expiration dates of the Special Senate Commission to Study the Funding of Vocational Schools. Consent Calendar

S-432 EDUCATION MANDATES (Algieri & Others) This act would grant the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education the power to grant a waiver from educational mandates in response to petitions from school districts. Education

S-433 STUDENT PERFORMANCE (Picard) This act would provide that the annual state assessment program of student performance would include the results from an alternative test for up to 1% of students who are identified as having severe cognitive disabilities, and up to 2% of students who are identified as performing academically below grade level but are higher functioning than those students with severe cognitive disabilities. Education

S-435 AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (Tassoni & DeVall) This act would mandate that all high schools and middle schools, whether public or private, have functional automatic external defibrillators on school grounds at all times. Education

S-436A ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES (Gallo & Lanzi) This act would amend Title 16 ("Education") by adding a new Chapter entitled "Access to Advanced Placement Courses for All Students Act" designed to promote access to advanced placement courses for all students in Rhode Island public high schools. Education

S-438 PAYMENTS FOR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (DiPalma) This act would allow school districts to assess students reasonable fees for participation in extracurricular school activities such as sports, clubs and bands. The act also would allow school departments and school committees to accept grants, gifts and donations from various specified entities. Education

S-439 THE RECOVERY HIGH SCHOOL ACT (Tassoni & Others) This act would allow for the establishment of recovery high schools for students diagnosed with substance abuse disorder or dependency. Entities eligible to establish public charter schools may submit proposals to the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education and the relevant school committee. Education

S-440A TEACHER TRAINING (Pichardo & Others) This act would have the Board of Governors for Higher Education and the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education work jointly to establish clear training guidelines for teachers that require teachers of advanced placement courses to obtain recognized advanced placement training endorsed by the college board. These classes will be offered for college credit at the high school level. Education

S-483 HEALTH CARE BENEFITS (Gallo & Others) This act would increase the number of uniform health care benefit plans designed for their employees that can be considered for implementation by public school systems and districts by using the word 'recommended' in reference thereto. Health & Human Services

S-493 VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINAL (Metts & Others) This act would provide that 100% of any additional state revenues gained from the expansion of gambling would be deposited into a restricted receipt account to fund elementary and secondary education on the state and local levels. Special Legislation

S-521 KINDERGARTEN (DeVall & Others) This act would provide an increase in the hours per day kindergarten students would be required to attend class by mandating at least a 5 ½ hour school day exclusive of various specified activities. It also directs schools and school districts to design their curriculum for kindergarten so as to meet certain goals. Education

S-522 PRIVATE SCHOOLS (Metts) This act authorizes municipalities to establish ordinances that would permit relief from certain specified state educationally-related mandates affecting services provided to students who attend private schools. Education

S-523 CHARTER SCHOOLS (Doyle & Others) This act provides that no independent charter school teacher or administrator would be required to participate in the teachers' retirement system. The independent charter school may choose to offer its employees the option to participate in an alternative retirement program. Education

S-524 KINDERGARTEN (Gallo & Others) This act would provide an increase in hours per day kindergarten students would be required to attend class by mandating at least a 5 ½ hour school day exclusive of various specified activities. Education

S-525A ENVIRONMENTAL CLEAN UP OBJECTIVES FOR SCHOOLS (Pichardo & Others) This act would prohibit the construction, rehabilitation and leasing of buildings to be used as schools where there exists the potential for contamination by hazardous materials. In certain situations the project sponsor may choose to satisfy a burdensome set of measures in order to have the opportunity to proceed. Environment & Agriculture

S-557 SCHOOL HOUSING PROJECT COSTS (Fogarty) This act would provide that bonds for school housing projects now also could be issued from communities with a stand alone investment grade rating of at least "A" as established by Fitch Ratings, Ltd., Moody's Investors Service, Inc., and/or Standard & Poor's Rating Service. Finance

S-577 SCHOOL AID (Maher & Others) This act would provide for additional education aid funding for fiscal year 2012 for school districts which receive less state aid than in fiscal year 2011 under the new formula for foundation education aid. Finance

S-581 SCHOOL AID (Fogarty & Others) This act would provide a "hold harmless" clause in the new foundation education aid formula. This provision would establish a minimum state share of foundation education aid at 25%, or the amount of foundation level school support provided to the district in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, whichever is greater. Finance

S-585 FUNDING OF CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Doyle & Others) This act would change the formula used in granting state aid for reimbursement of charter public school housing costs. Finance

S-586 SCHOOL HOUSING AID (Doyle & Nesselbush) This act would make applicable to charter public schools the floor on state aid for school housing costs, as well as the annual percentage increases for the floor on school housing costs. Finance

S-595 COOPERATIVE SERVICE AMONG SCHOOL DISTRICTS (Gallo & Others) This act would provide that the Urban Collaborative would receive state education funds under the new permanent foundation education aid formula in the same manner as these funds are paid to charter public schools. Finance

S-597 ANNUAL REGIONAL SCHOOL BUDGETS (Fogarty) This act would provide that debt service that is no longer carried on the books of any regional school district would not be included in the annual regional school district budget, nor be included in maintenance of effort or in the operating budget. Finance

S-606 SCHOOL BUDGETS (Hodgson) This act would allow cities/towns which did not reduce their school committee budget contributions for fiscal years 2010 and 2011 to contribute an amount not less than 95% of the 2011 contribution for the 2012 fiscal year. Finance

S-610 SCHOOL AID (Goodwin & Ruggerio) This act would provide a "hold harmless" clause in the new foundation education aid formula. This provision would establish a minimum state share of foundation education aid at 25%, or the amount of foundation level school support provided to the district in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, whichever is greater. Finance

S-672 SCHOOL BUDGETS (DiPalma & Others) This act would establish standards and procedures whereby a school committee may, within 5 days of a negative vote by an appropriating authority, request non-binding, fact-finding mediation to be conducted by a special master appointed by the Superior Court. Judiciary

S-720A FAMILY ENGAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (DeVall & Others) This act would establish a statewide family engagement advisory council which purpose it would be to streamline the process of greater family engagement in the education process. Education

S-732 SAFE SCHOOLS (Lanzi & Others) This act would create the "Safe School Act" which would address the problems of school "bullying" and "cyber-bullying" through the Department of Education providing a bullying prevention plan with accompanying regulations to be utilized statewide. This act also would repeal section 16-21-26 – "Student discipline codes". Judiciary

S-762 SCHOOL DRESS CODES (Tassoni & Picard) This act would authorize all school committees in the state to adopt a school dress code. Education

S-764 CELL PHONES IN SCHOOL (Tassoni) This act would prohibit the use of a cell phone by a student within a school during regular school hours except in the case of an emergency concerning a health or safety matter. Education

S-766 ANNUAL REGIONAL SCHOOL BUDGETS (Fogarty & Sosnowski) This act would provide that debt service which is no longer carried on the books of any regional school district would not be included in the annual regional school district budget, nor be included in maintenance of effort or in the operating budget. Finance

S-881 CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES (Gallo & O'Neill) This act would provide a framework for the awarding of attorneys' fees associated with court proceedings governing the education of children with disabilities. Judiciary

S-912 RHODE ISLAND EDUCATION (DiPalma & Others) This resolution endorses the Department of Education's strategic plan known as "Transforming Rhode Island Education". Education

S-913 EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT (DiPalma & Others) This act would add language which designates school committees as the primary advocates for public school students. Their primary duty as advocates is to recognize that their greatest concern must be educational achievement and the overall welfare of their students. Education

S-956 CERTIFICATION STANDARDS BOARD (Felag) This act would add 2 members of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Rhode Island (AICU Rhode Island) to the Policy Advisory Board on Teacher and Administrator Certification. Education

S-957aa CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (Gallo & Others) This act would require the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education to establish and maintain a system of career and technical education that maintains ongoing connections with higher education, meets the needs of local business and industry, and promotes workforce development. Education

S-992 FUNDING OF VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS (Gallo) This resolution would extend both the reporting date (to December 31, 2011) and the expiration date (to December 31, 2015) of the Special Senate Commission to Study the Funding of Vocational Schools. Consent Calendar

S-1036 MUSICAL PERFORMANCE EDUCATION (Picard) This act would require that all children attending secondary public schools, or any other secondary schools managed and controlled by the state, have available to them in those schools instruction in musical performance education. Education

S-1062 SCHOOL COMMITTEES (Jabour & Others) This act would provide that all school committee members would be elected, thereby eliminating the exception provided to the cities of Central Falls, Providence, and Woonsocket. Education

ELECTIONS

H-5088 TIME OF CLOSING OF POLLS (Messier & Others) This act would amend various sections of the election statutes to reflect changing the statewide poll closing time from 9:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Judiciary

H-5123 SECURITY REQUIRED AT POLLING PLACES (Keable & Others) This act would require the Board of Elections to provide adequate security at all polling places for each general and local election. A uniformed police officer would be required. Judiciary

H-5349 ELECTION OFFICIALS (Reilly & Others) This act would exempt cities/towns from paying an additional sum of \$25.00 to election officials upon performance of their duties on election day who have been issued a certificate upon completion of a program of instruction for election officials. Judiciary

H-5352 VOTING DISTRICTS (Reilly & Others) This act would repeal the section of the general laws (17-11-1) that allows local boards of canvassers to divide or redive the town or representative districts into voting districts prior to an election. Judiciary

H-5445 VOTING DISTRICTS (Gordon & Others) This act would repeal the section of the general laws (17-11-1) that allows local boards of canvassers to divide or redive the town or representative districts into voting districts prior to an election. Judiciary

H-5452 COMPUTER BALLOTS AND SAMPLE BALLOTS (Marcello & Others) This act would require the Board of Elections to program the voting equipment to prevent straight party voting by means of a single mark, and would require the Secretary of State to produce ballots that do not have an option to vote for a straight party ticket by means of a single mark. Judiciary

H-5454 STRAIGHT PARTY VOTING (Newberry & Marcello) This act would make numerous amendments to Chapter 17-19 of the general laws entitled "Conduct of Elections and Voting Equipment and Supplies" to reflect the elimination of the option for straight party voting. Judiciary

H-5458 FINANCIAL TOWN MEETINGS AND REFERENDA (Edwards & Others) This act would make any financial town meeting or referendum to set a city/town budget or tax rate subject to state election laws. Judiciary

H-5511 TIME OF CLOSING OF POLLS (Lally) This act would amend various sections of the election statutes to reflect changing the statewide poll closing time from 9:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Judiciary

H-5520 MAIL BALLOTS (Gallison & Others) This act would enable the holder of a single federal postcard application (FPCA) through the "Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act" to request an absentee ballot for each primary and election "for the time period specified by federal law". Judiciary

H-5525 VOTER IDENTIFICATION (Costa & Others) This act would provide that any person claiming to be a registered and eligible voter who desires to vote must provide proof of identity, and then lists acceptable forms of identification. It also would establish a procedure for voting by provisional ballot for those who fail to provide proper identification. Judiciary

H-5649 COMPUTER BALLOTS AND SAMPLE BALLOTS (Marcello & Others) This act would require the Secretary of State to ensure that no ballot shall include any option to vote for a straight party ticket by means of a single mark. Judiciary

H-5653 PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARIES (Lally) This act would make numerous changes to Chapter 17-12.1 of the general laws entitled "Primaries for Election of Delegates to National Conventions and for Presidential Preference". Judiciary

H-5654 MAIL BALLOTS (Gallison & Others) This act would enable the holder of a single federal postcard application (FPCA) through the "Uniformed and Overseas Citizen Absentee Voting Act" to request an absentee ballot for each primary and election "for the time period specified by federal law". Judiciary

H-5661 TIME OF OPENING OF POLLS (O'Neill & Others) This act would amend the provisions of the general laws to provide that all voting polls in the state open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. Judiciary

H-5664 VOTER REGISTRATION FILES (Martin) This act would require all institutions of higher education to maintain and electronically transmit annually a file or database of names and addresses of those students who have graduated to the Secretary of State on or before August 15th of each year. Judiciary

H-5668 VOTING EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES (Ajello & Others) This act would make changes to the elections recount process. It also would increase the number of provisional ballot votes to be counted. Minor changes are made to the polling place laws, and it would subject the Board of Elections to the "Administrative Procedures Act" concerning its adoption of rules and regulations. Judiciary

H-5680 VOTER IDENTIFICATION (Brien & Others) This act would provide that any person claiming to be a registered and eligible voter who desires to vote must provide proof of identity, and then lists acceptable forms of identification. It also would establish a procedure for voting by provisional ballot for those who fail to provide proper identification. Judiciary

H-5748 MAIL BALLOTS (Johnston & Coderre) This act would make numerous amendments to Chapter 17-20 entitled "Mail Ballots". Judiciary

H-5804 COMBINATION OF VOTING DISTRICTS (Carnevale & Others) This act would change the maximum number of voters to be served by each polling place from 1,900 to 4,000 without creating a polling place serving less than 1,000 voters. Judiciary

H-5813 VOTING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES (Azzinaro & Walsh) This act would amend the election laws in the following areas: removes the maximum and minimum requirements for polling place size; changes the statewide poll closing time to 8:00 p.m.; and makes changes to the absentee voting application. Judiciary

H-5933A ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE (San Bento & Johnston) This act would provide that a person who has not registered to vote or whose registration has been cancelled may cast a vote for president and vice-president on election day at an alternate location designated by the board of canvassers and approved by the Board of Elections, as well as at city/town hall which is presently allowed under the current law. Judiciary

H-6084 STATEWIDE REFERENDA ELECTIONS (Marcello & Others) This act would provide a procedure for statements in support of and in opposition to statewide referenda ballot measures to be printed in voter handbooks distributed to all voters prior to each general election. Judiciary

H-6176 VOTER CHOICE ACT (Blazejewski & Others) This act would establish a Voter Choice Study Commission to explore the possible use of advanced voting methods for electing persons in this state. The act would define several forms of advanced voting methods which essentially use non-traditional forms of voting that seek to produce the winner of an election by majority vote. Judiciary

- S-67 SECURITY REQUIRED AT POLLING PLACES** (Fogarty & Others) This act would require the Board of Elections to provide adequate security at all polling places for each general and local election. A uniformed police officer would be required. Judiciary
- S-163 COMBINATION OF VOTING DISTRICTS** (Crowley & DeVall) This act would allow local boards of canvassers to combine voting districts both in general and primary elections, but only with the approval of the Board of Elections. Judiciary
- S-221 PRIMARY ELECTIONS BALLOTS** (Crowley & DiPalma) This act would amend section 17-15-12 of the general laws concerning ballots in primary elections, requiring the appearance on the ballot of the names of all candidates contesting a particular office or offices. Judiciary
- S-226 COMBINATION OF VOTING DISTRICTS** (Walaska & Bates) This act would change the maximum number of voters to be served by each polling place from 1,900 to 3,000 without creating a polling place serving less than 200 voters. Judiciary
- S-232 STRAIGHT PARTY VOTING** (Bates & Others) This act would make numerous amendments to Chapter 17-19 of the general laws entitled "Conduct of Elections and Voting Equipment and Supplies" to reflect the elimination of the option for straight party voting. Judiciary
- S-238 COMPUTER BALLOTS AND SAMPLE BALLOTS** (Bates & Others) This act would require the Board of Elections to program the voting equipment to prevent straight party voting by means of a single mark, and would require the Secretary of State to produce ballots that do not have an option to vote for a straight party ticket by means of a single mark. Judiciary
- S-308 COMPUTER BALLOTS AND SAMPLE BALLOTS** (Walaska & Bates) This act would require the Board of Elections to program the voting equipment to prevent straight party voting by means of a single mark, and would require the Secretary of State to produce ballots that do not have the option to vote for a straight party ticket by means of a single mark. Judiciary
- S-340 DISTRICTING OF INCARCERATED PERSONS** (Metts & Others) This act provides that the domicile of incarcerated individuals for voting purposes is the last address furnished to government agencies. The Secretary of State is charged with the responsibility of compiling and disseminating the information necessary to forming representative and senate voting districts. Judiciary
- S-341A TIME OF OPENING OF POLLS** (Bates & Others) This act would amend the provisions of the general laws to provide that all voting polls in the state open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. with the exception of New Shoreham where the opening of polls remains at 9:00 a.m. Judiciary

S-342 VOTER REGISTRATION FILES (Miller) This act would require all institutions of higher education to maintain and electronically transmit annually a file or database of names and addresses of those students who have graduated to the Secretary of State on or before August 15th of each year. Judiciary

S-349A STATEWIDE REFERENDA ELECTIONS (O'Neill & Others) This act would provide a procedure for statements in support of and in opposition to statewide referenda ballot measures to be printed in voter handbooks distributed to all voters prior to each general election. Judiciary

S-391aa ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE (Doyle & Others) This act would provide that a person who has not registered to vote or whose registration has been cancelled may cast a vote for president and vice-president on election day at an alternate location designated by the board of canvassers and approved by the Board of Elections, as well as at city/town hall which is presently allowed under the current law. Judiciary

S-392aa MAIL BALLOTS (Doyle & Others) This act would make numerous amendments to Chapter 17-20 entitled "Mail Ballots". Judiciary

S-393 VOTING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES (Algieri) This act would amend the election laws in the following areas: removes the maximum and minimum requirements for polling place size; changes the statewide poll closing time to 8:00 p.m.; and makes changes to the absentee voting application. Judiciary

S-394 COMBINATION OF VOTING DISTRICTS (Ciccione & Others) This act would change the maximum number of voters to be served by each polling place from 1,900 to 4,000 without creating a polling place serving less than 1,000 voters. Judiciary

S-397 MAIL BALLOTS (Pichardo & DiPalma) This act would enable the holder of a single federal postcard application (FPCA) through the "Uniformed and Overseas Citizen Absentee Voting Act" to request an absentee ballot for each primary and election "for the time period specified by federal law". Judiciary

S-398 STRAIGHT PARTY VOTING (Walaska) This act would make numerous amendments to Chapter 17-19 of the general laws entitled "Conduct of Elections and Voting Equipment and Supplies" to reflect the elimination of the option for straight party voting. Judiciary

S-399 PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARIES (Lynch) This act would make numerous changes to Chapter 17-12.1 of the general laws entitled "Primaries for Election of Delegates to the National Conventions and for Presidential Preference". Judiciary

S-400A VOTER IDENTIFICATION (Metts) This act would provide that any person claiming to be a registered and eligible voter who desires to vote must provide proof of identity, and then lists acceptable forms of identification. It also would establish a procedure for voting by provisional ballot for those who fail to provide proper identification. Judiciary

ENVIRONMENT

H-5119 MOSQUITO CONTROL PRODUCTS (Gallison & Others) This act would provide that during a public health emergency associated with mosquito-borne disease the state shall utilize all necessary and appropriate means to address the emergency, and limit options offered to cities/towns concerning mosquito control products to be used. H.E.W.

H-5230 TIPPING FEE SCHEDULE (Malik & Others) This act would make permanent the municipal recycling participation program, and would establish a permanent tipping fee schedule ranging from \$28.00 to \$32.00 per ton based on the percentage of solid waste recycled. Municipal Government

H-5287 HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEANUP (Walsh & Others) This act would exempt from liability a person who provides assistance or advice either in mitigating the effects of an accidental or threatened discharge of hazardous materials, or in preventing, cleaning up or disposing of a discharge. This exemption is made specifically applicable to city/town fire departments, fire districts, volunteer fire associations and their hazardous materials and/or decontamination teams. Judiciary

H-5295 RHODE ISLAND CORRECTIONAL CONSERVATION CORPS (McNamara & Others) This act would authorize the director of the Department of Corrections to enter into agreements with public agencies whether state, local or federal which would supply inmates to perform labor on public public conservation projects. Labor

H-5309 CONSERVATION EASEMENTS (Walsh & Others) This act would clarify that conservation easements are not unenforceable on account of doctrines of property law which might cause the termination of the restriction such as the doctrines of merger and tax sale. Judiciary

H-5322 TIPPING FEES (Menard & Others) This act would remove language that authorizes an automatic increase in the municipal tipping fee equal to 107.5% of the prior fiscal year's municipal tipping fee. Finance

H-5373 RIGHTS-OF-WAY: PUBLIC PARKING (Ehrhardt & Gallison) This act would require cities/towns to provide public parking on land close to or adjacent to CRMC designated and stipulated rights-of-way along the Rhode Island shore. Municipal Government

H-5377 COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEMS (Edwards & Newberry) This act would eliminate the requirement that any community water system serving a population of 10,000 or more has to directly deliver a full copy of the consumer confidence report to each household within the water system's service area which receives water from that system. Municipal Government

H-5388 COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Ehrhardt & Others) This act would alter the composition and method of appointment of the members of the Coastal Resources Management Council due to separation of powers considerations. It also would create the Permanent Joint Committee on Coastal Resources consisting of 8 members. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5390aa BIOFUELS (Naughton & Walsh) This act would establish a special study commission to investigate and develop a strategy to increase the use of advanced biofuels as alternatives to conventional carbon-based fuels by the state, its agencies, political subdivisions and regional transit authorities. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5391 RADIO FREQUENCY READING SYSTEMS (Carnevale & Others) This act would repeal the law requiring public drinking water suppliers to formulate a program for the installation of radio frequency reading systems. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5429 INDIVIDUAL SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS (Menard & Others) This act would amend the requirement that the Director of the Department of Environmental Management must approve an individual sewage disposal system, and now the plans of the individual sewage disposal system must be stamped and certified by a licensed individual sewage disposal system designer. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5473 WIND TURBINES (Ehrhardt & Costa) This act would extend to wind turbines the statutory provisions that apply to windmills, and would establish the required setback from traveled streets and roads. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5474 WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS (Handy) This act would slightly change the public notice requirements for hearings on the renewal of the permit to operate major pollutant discharge elimination systems. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5475 INSPECTION OF DAMS AND RESERVOIRS (Handy) This act would provide that orders or notices issued by the Director of the Department of Environmental Management regarding unsafe dams and reservoirs are eligible for recording in the land evidence records in the city/town wherein the subject property is located. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5476 WATER POLLUTION (Handy) This act would provide that orders or notices issued by the Director of the Department of Environmental Management regarding water pollution violations are eligible for recording in the land evidence records in the city/town wherein the subject property is located. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5478 RADON REDUCTION (Winfield) This act would provide that all public water supply systems must reduce radon levels in drinking water to a maximum of 4,000 pCi/L no later than January 1, 2014. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5547 CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION DEBRIS (Melo & Others) This act would impose additional local requirements to be met for construction and demolition debris processing facilities seeking a license. It also would establish a daily tonnage limit for those facilities which are within 1000 feet radius of a residential area. Municipal Government

H-5580 COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Naughton & Coderre) This act would dissolve the current Coastal Resources Management Council and replace it with a new executive department to be known as the Department of Coastal Resources Management. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5582 INSPECTION OF DAMS AND RESERVOIRS (Ferri & Others) This act would require the owner of a dam to file a dam inspection form with the Director of the Department of Environmental Management, and also provides that orders or notices issued by the Director regarding unsafe dams and reservoirs are eligible for recording in the land evidence records in the city/town wherein the subject property is located. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5663 CONSERVATION RESTRICTIONS (Lally & Others) This act would provide that a conservation or preservation restriction may not be terminated or amended to materially detract from the conservation and preservation values intended for protection without the prior approval of the Superior Court in an action in which the Attorney General has been made a party. Judiciary

H-5682 CONSERVATION RESTRICTIONS (Blazejewski & Others) This act would clarify that conservation and preservation restrictions are not unenforceable on account of doctrines of property law which might cause termination of the restriction such as doctrines of merger and tax sale. It also provides that a conservation restriction may not be terminated or amended to materially detract from the values intended for protection without prior approval of the court in an action in which the Attorney General has been made a party. Judiciary

H-5801 CESSPOOL REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT (Walsh & Others) This act would require cesspools to be removed and replaced with an ISDS system or connected to a public sewer system within 12 months from the date of the sale of the property. H.E.W.

H-5822 SMALL WIND ENERGY SYSTEMS (Carnevale & Others) This act would allow the installation of small wind energy systems subject to regulations and standards. It would mandate specific provisions for municipal zoning ordinances, create a system of fees including the requirement that a permit be obtained, and make the system subject to a structural and electrical inspection by a local official. Municipal Government

H-5894Aaa 2012 APPROPRIATIONS ACT (Melo)

ART. 3 MUNICIPAL TIPPING FEES This article continues the municipal tipping fee rates for 3 additional years from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2014, at \$29.00 to \$32.00 per ton based on the percentage of solid waste recycled. There are some changes to the percentage ranges within each fee category. Finance

H-5894Aaa 2012 APPROPRIATIONS ACT (Melo)

ART. 9 WATER RESOURCES BOARD This article transfers the powers and functions of the Water Resources Board to the Division of Statewide Planning within the Department of Administration. Finance

H-5939 RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD (Carnevale & Others) This act would diversify the state's energy generation sources by increasing maximum allowable distributed generation capacities, and would provide for public/private partnerships and multi-municipal nonprofit energy consortiums. Environment & Natural Resources

H-6004 RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD (Ucci & Others) This act would add to Chapter 39-26 entitled "Renewable Energy Standard" several new definitions including 'excess generation credit' and 'renewable net-metering credit'. The act also would provide incentives for municipalities to invest in renewable generation facilities. Environment & Natural Resources

H-6028 OPERATORS OF PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES (Ucci & Others) This act would provide for an increase in the allowable fee to be charged for examinations to certify operators of public water supply facilities. The increase in the fee is designed to allow operators to take the exam on line at their option. Finance

H-6204 RECYCLABLE MATERIALS (Ucci & Others) This act would authorize the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation to accept recyclable materials originating out-of-state that can be segregated into saleable commodities. The profit from these sales will be distributed as follows: 25% to the Town of Johnston; 25% to the Corporation; and 50% to the remaining 38 municipalities distributed on a pro rata basis. This act does not allow the Corporation to accept out-of-state construction and demolition debris materials. Environment & Natural Resources

H-6222 DISTRIBUTED GENERATION INTERCONNECTION (Blazejewski & Others) This act would institute standards designed to expedite the application process by which an electric distribution customer or distributed generation developer submits an application to the electric distribution company for the installation of a renewable distributed generation interconnection to the distribution system for a renewable distributed generation project that meets the eligibility requirement for net metering. Environment & Natural Resources

S-8 RHODE ISLAND ARTIFICIAL REEF PROGRAM (Tassoni & Others) This act would create the Rhode Island Artificial Reef Program which would provide a mechanism through which local municipalities are permitted to place vessels in Rhode Island waters as artificial reefs, and may apply for state matching grants for the placement of decommissioned MARAD and United States vessels. Environment & Agriculture

S-9 RADON REDUCTION (Tassoni & Others) This act would provide that all public water supply systems must reduce radon levels in drinking water to a maximum of 4,000 pCi/L no later than January 1, 2014. Environment & Agriculture

S-48 FRESH WATER WETLANDS (Walaska & Others) This act would require the Director of the Department of Environmental Management to provide city/town councils with notice of applications to alter fresh water wetlands by forwarding the original petitions and maps by electronic, certified and regular mail to the city/town clerks and directors of planning and development. Environment & Agriculture

S-142 COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Sosnowski & Others) This act would alter the composition and method of appointment of the members of the Coastal Resources Management Council due to separation of powers considerations. It also would create the Permanent Joint Committee on Coastal Resources consisting of 8 members. Environment & Agriculture

S-184A REFUSE DISPOSAL (DaPonte & Others) This act would require a construction and demolition debris processing facility to comply with additional licensure requirements from the host municipality. It also would set daily acceptance and/or processing limits if the facility is within a 1,000 feet radius of a residential area. Environment & Agriculture

S-186 HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEANUP (Algiere & Maher) This act would exempt from liability a person who provides assistance or advice either in mitigating the effects of an accidental or threatened discharge of hazardous materials, or in preventing, cleaning up or disposing of the discharge. This exemption is made specifically applicable to city/town fire departments, fire districts, volunteer fire associations and their hazardous materials and/or decontamination teams. Environment & Agriculture

S-234 CONSERVATION RESTRICTIONS (Sosnowski & Others) This act would provide that a conservation or preservation restriction may not be terminated or amended to materially detract from the conservation and preservation values intended for protection without prior approval of the Superior Court in an action in which the Attorney General has been made a party. Judiciary

S-239 CONSERVATION EASEMENTS (Sosnowski & Others) This act would clarify that conservation easements are not unenforceable on account of doctrines of property law which might cause the termination of the restriction such as doctrines of merger and tax sale. Judiciary

S-327 CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAMS (Pichardo & Others) This act would enable municipalities to authorize contracts to provide loans to property owners for the initial acquisition and installation of clean energy improvements for both existing properties and new construction. Housing & Municipal Government

S-444 WATER POLLUTION (Sosnowski) This act would provide that orders or notices issued by the Director of the Department of Environmental Management regarding water pollution violations are eligible for recording in the land evidence records in the city/town wherein the subject property is located. Environment & Agriculture

S-445 WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS (Sosnowski) This act would slightly change the public notice requirements for hearings on the renewal of the permit to operate major pollutant discharge elimination systems. Environment & Agriculture

S-448 RADIO FREQUENCY READING SYSTEMS (Tassoni & DeVall) This act would repeal the law requiring public drinking water suppliers to formulate a program for the installation of radio frequency reading systems. Environment & Agriculture

S-449 RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD (Miller) This act would prohibit the adoption by cities/towns of ordinances which would have the effect of prohibiting the installation of solar collectors, clotheslines, weatherization improvements, gardens or other energy devices based on renewable resources. Environment & Agriculture

S-450 CLIMATE CHANGE (Miller & Sosnowski) This act would extend the reporting date for the findings and recommendations to be made by the Rhode Island Climate Change Commission from March 1, 2011, to July 1, 2011. Environment & Agriculture

S-452 INSPECTION OF DAMS AND RESERVOIRS (Sosnowski) This act would provide that orders or notices issued by the Director of the Department of Environmental Management regarding unsafe dams and reservoirs are eligible for recording in the land evidence records in the city/town wherein the subject property is located. Environment & Agriculture

S-453 RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD (DiPalma & Others) This act would diversify the state's energy generation sources by increasing maximum allowable distributed generation capacities, and would provide for public/private partnerships and multi-municipal nonprofit energy consortiums. Environment & Agriculture

S-454A RECYCLABLE MATERIALS (Lombardo & Others) This act would authorize the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation to accept recyclable materials originating out-of-state that can be segregated into saleable commodities. The profit from these sales will be distributed as follows: 25% to the Town of Johnston; 25% to the Corporation; and 50% to the remaining 38 municipalities distributed on a pro rata basis. This act does not allow the Corporation to accept out-of-state construction and demolition debris materials. Environment & Agriculture

S-457 RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD (Goodwin) This act would add to Chapter 39-26 entitled "Renewable Energy Standard" several new definitions including 'excess generation credit' and 'renewable net-metering credit'. The act also would provide incentives for municipalities to invest in renewable generation facilities. Environment & Agriculture

S-545 WIND TURBINES (Sheehan & Others) This act would extend to wind turbines the statutory provisions that apply to windmills, and would establish the required setback from traveled streets and roads. Housing & Municipal Government

S-546 RIGHTS-OF-WAY: PUBLIC PARKING (DiPalma & Others) This act would require cities/towns to provide public parking on land close to or adjacent to CRMC designated and stipulated rights-of-way along the Rhode Island chore. Housing & Municipal Government

S-722 RENEWABLE ENERGY COORDINATING BOARD (Paiva Weed & Others) This act would create the Rhode Island Renewable Energy Coordinating Board which would develop and recommend a strategic renewable energy implementation plan for Rhode Island. As a component of this strategic plan, the board shall monitor the adoption of renewable energy siting ordinances by cities/towns and communicate with cities/towns to encourage and facilitate the adoption of recommended renewable energy siting ordinances. Environment & Agriculture

S-834 CONSERVATION RESTRICTIONS (Sosnowski) This act would clarify that conservation and preservation restrictions are not unenforceable on account of doctrines of property law which might cause termination of the restriction such as doctrines of merger and tax sale. It also provides that a conservation restriction may not be terminated or amended to materially detract from the values intended for protection without prior approval of the court in an action in which the Attorney General has been made a party. Judiciary

S-857 OPERATORS OF PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES (Tassoni) This act would provide for an increase in the allowable fee to be charged for examinations to certify operators of public water supply facilities. The increase in the fee is designed to allow operators to take the exam on line at their option. Finance

FINANCE & TAXATION

H-5048 PROPERTY PURCHASED AT FORECLOSURE (DaSilva & Johnston) This act would permit cities/towns to freeze rates and valuations of residential property which is purchased as foreclosed property and rehabilitated without increasing the square footage and/or footprint. Municipal Government

H-5054 VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS (Gallison & Others) This act would give cities/towns the option of totally exempting from taxation the homestead of a totally disabled veteran or his/her surviving spouse. Finance

H-5057 STATE MANDATES (Edwards & Others) This act would provide that, if during any fiscal year the state reimbursement to cities/towns and school districts is insufficient to cover the costs of state mandates as reported by the Department of Revenue, those affected cities/towns and school districts may cease implementation of state mandates at their discretion up to 50% of the value of the reimbursement shortfall. Finance

H-5113 MUNICIPAL PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS (Gallison & Others) This act would authorize the General Treasurer to deduct monies due the municipality from the state for any purpose other than for education, if the municipality has failed to contribute 100% of the annual required contribution to its pension plan. Finance

H-5137 OTHER POST- EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS – OPEB TRUSTS (Gallison & Others) This act would allow for shared service administration of OPEB trusts among municipalities. It also would add corporations established pursuant to Chapter 5 of Title 45 entitled "Councils and Governing Bodies" to the list of entities which may act as trustee for trust agreements among municipalities and banks or trust companies in reference to OPEB trusts. Also, it would allow municipalities to utilize these corporations to advise on the investment of the OPEB trust fund. Municipal Government

H-5139 DISTRESSED AREAS ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION (Edwards) This act would repeal the provision of law which prohibits cities/towns from granting an exemption or stabilization of taxes on real and tangible property located in enterprise zones for any manufacturing or commercial business relocating from one city/town in the state to another. Municipal Government

H-5150 VEHICLES SUBJECT TO REGISTRATION (Petrarca & Others) This act would expand the definition of "owners of motor vehicles" for registration and property tax purposes to include partnerships, firms, associations, corporations and limited liability companies whose vehicles operate on state roads for more than 30 days. Corporations

H-5194 MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL INTEGRITY (Fox) This resolution would create a special house commission to study municipal financial integrity in the State of Rhode Island. Read and Passed

H-5228 SHARED MUNICIPAL SERVICES (Gallison & Others) This act would submit to the electors of the state a non-binding referendum question concerning pursuit of the facilitation of shared municipal services in order to achieve economic benefits. Municipal Government

H-5229 MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING COMPLIANCE (Gallison & Others) This act would create a uniform system of accounting promulgated by the Office of Auditor General and Division of Municipal Finance, and would require all accounts of the municipality to be kept in accordance with this system. Municipal Government

H-5231 LOCAL TAX COLLECTORS (Kennedy & Others) This act would establish an annual training institute for local tax collectors to be conducted by the Department of Revenue in cooperation with the Rhode Island Association of Collection Officers. Municipal Government

H-5234 INDEBTEDNESS OF TOWNS AND CITIES (Guthrie) This act would raise the maximum principal amount a municipality may borrow to pay uninsured portions of court judgments or settlements from 5% to 10% of the total amount of the most recent budget adopted by the city/town. Municipal Government

H-5302 PROPERTY TAX RATES (Marcello & Others) This act would require cities/towns, if there is a proposed increase or decrease to the current property tax rate, to publish the proposed rate as applied to a property representing the median assessed value within the city/town. This publication must now also appear on the official municipal website, if available. Municipal Government

H-5313 PROPERTY REVALUATION CYCLE (Guthrie & Others) This act would change the current schedule for the required assessment revaluation of municipal real estate so that the revaluation would be required every 10 years instead of the current 9 years. It also would eliminate the requirement that updates be performed. Municipal Government

H-5314 PROPERTY REVALUATION CYCLE (Guthrie & Others) This act would change the current schedule for the required assessment revaluation of municipal real estate so that the revaluation would be required every 5 years instead of the current 9 years. It also would eliminate the requirement that updates be performed. Municipal Government

H-5364 TAX EXEMPTIONS: TRANSFER OF PROPERTY (Jackson & Others) This act would provide that tax exemptions created by the general laws, public laws or municipal ordinances would not be affected by the transfer of an ownership interest in property if a life estate is retained, if the transferor leases the property back, and by a transfer to a revocable or irrevocable living trust if certain conditions are met. Judiciary

H-5374 STATE MANDATES (Chippendale & Others) This act would provide that, if during any fiscal year the state reimbursement to cities/towns and school districts is insufficient to cover the costs of state mandates as reported by the Department of Revenue, those affected cities/towns and school districts may cease implementation of state mandates at their discretion up to 50% of the value of the reimbursement shortfall. Municipal Government

H-5375 HISTORICAL CEMETERIES (Tanzi & Others) This act would make sweeping changes to the laws on historical cemeteries including establishing a register to be maintained by the recorder of deeds with the city/town assessor noting the location of each cemetery on the tax assessor's map; requiring that every deed presented for recording would contain a notation that a historical cemetery is located on the property; and authorizing city/town councils to provide abatements from taxation for real property on which a cemetery is located. Municipal Government

H-5398 DIVESTITURE FROM HESS CORPORATION STOCK (Gallison & Others) This act would require divestiture by the state and municipalities from any investments in Hess Corporation as a protest against the Weaver Cove Energy's proposed liquefied natural gas terminal. Finance

H-5458 FINANCIAL TOWN MEETINGS AND REFERENDA (Edwards & Others) This act would make any financial town meeting or referendum to set a city/town budget or tax rate subject to state election Laws. Judiciary

H-5468aa LENDERS AND LOAN BROKERS (McNamara) This act would now exempt municipalities which make, broker or fund loans from state licensing regulations regarding lenders and loan brokers. Corporations

H-5485 HISTORIC STRUCTURES: TAX CREDIT (Coderre & Others) This act would reinstitute the historic structures tax credit in distressed communities to provide economic incentives for the purpose of stimulating rehabilitation, redevelopment and reuse of these historic structures. Finance

H-5496 MAXIMUM LEVY (Coderre) This act would fund economic development investment within municipally-designated and state approved "growth centers" by excluding incremental property tax revenue greater than the amount collected in fiscal year 2010 from the levy amount subject to the cap in an amount up to a maximum of 2% of the total municipal levy. Finance

H-5585 LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POOL (Mattiello & Others) This act would create the "Rhode Island Local Government Investment Pool Act" which would allow eligible governmental entities to participate with the state in providing maximum opportunities for the investment of public funds. Finance

H-5604 BUDGET COMMISSIONS (Brien & Others) This act would amend various sections relative to the appointment and compensation of fiscal overseers and receivers pursuant to Chapter 45-9 entitled "Budget Commissions". Included among the amendments are the appointment of a fiscal overseer for the school department, establishment of compensation guidelines for the fiscal overseer and receiver, and authorization to reopen collective bargaining agreements. Finance

H-5610 REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCE TAX (McLaughlin & Others) This act would increase the amount of monies which municipalities receive from the real estate conveyance tax from \$1.10 to \$1.70 per every \$2.00 of the face value of the stamps. Finance

H-5612 MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ELIMINATION (Nunes & Others) This act would entitle anyone who receives social security retirement benefits to a local exemption of \$6,000 on the motor vehicle excise tax. Finance

H-5615 EXEMPTION OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT USED FOR MANUFACTURING (Gordon & Others) This act would require that city/town councils by ordinance wholly exempt from taxation office equipment used for manufacturing or commercial purposes. It also removes the prohibition that this exemption not be allowed for businesses relocating within Rhode Island. Finance

H-5652 TAX SALES (Diaz & Others) This act would amend the time frame and process by which tax collectors must notify the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation of pending tax sales. It also would amend the section pertaining to petitions for foreclosure of redemption as it affects properties acquired by RIHMFC. Judiciary

H-5658 TAX SALES (Tarro & Others) This act would require the tax collector to provide 40 days notice to the Department of Elderly Affairs prior to property tax sales of property owned by persons who have been granted a tax abatement based wholly or partially on the age of the taxpayer. Judiciary

H-5662 TRANSFER OF PROPERTY TO TRUST (Flaherty & Others) This act would continue property tax exemptions and freezes of tax rates and/or valuation granted under Chapter 44-3 – “Property Subject to Taxation” regardless of a transfer of the property to an irrevocable trust. Judiciary

H-5683 TAX SALES (DeSimone & Others) This act would provide that, after the expiration of one year and prior to redemption after tax sale, if the original owner redeems the property then the tax purchaser would not be entitled to rents collected nor rental value. Judiciary

H-5711 LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Brien & Others) This act would make certain technical amendments/clarifications to the general law sections concerning the assessment of real property, and the timing and process of appeals. The provisions of the act would apply to tax year 2011 (i.e. valuations as of 12/31/10) and thereafter. This act would not apply retroactively to appeals of prior assessments whether pending or filed after enactment. Municipal Government

H-5712 INTERLOCAL REGIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION (Brien & Others) This act would establish a public corporation to be known as “The Rhode Island Interlocal Regional Services Commission”. The purpose of the commission would be to operate and administer various municipal operations which encompass 2 or more adjacent municipalities. It also would contain several provisions which address the operation and management of OPEB trusts including a new section entitled “Power of city and town councils and regional school districts to jointly establish a corporation to manage and operate OPEB trusts” – (45-5-20.2). Municipal Government

H-5715 SHARED MUNICIPAL SERVICES (Gallison & Others) This joint resolution would create a permanent special legislative commission to be known as the Commission on Shared Municipal Services which purpose it would be to make a comprehensive study, and to provide recommendations to create a more economic, efficient, and effective management of municipal services. Municipal Government

H-5716 OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS – OPEB TRUSTS (Gallison & Others) This act would add corporations pursuant to Chapter 5 of Title 45 entitled “Councils and Governing Bodies” to the list of entities which may act as trustee for trust agreements among school districts and banks or trust companies in reference to OPEB trusts. It also would allow school districts to utilize these corporations to advise on the investment of the OPEB trust fund. Municipal Government

H-5718 SEWAGE CHARGES (Flaherty & Corvese) This act would exempt any building used exclusively for religious worship, and up to 5 acres of land immediately surrounding that building from municipal sewage charges. Municipal Government

H-5735 UNFUNDED MANDATES (Menard & Others) This act would repeal all unfunded state mandates not funded by federal monies required of cities/towns in municipal areas of operation. Finance

H-5736 INDEBTEDNESS OF TOWNS AND CITIES (Valencia & Others) This act would enhance capital market access for cities, towns and districts by providing that general obligation bonds, notes and other financing obligations of cities, towns and districts have a lien on ad valorem taxes and general fund revenues. It also would require that the state Auditor General and the Director of the Department of Revenue approve the issuance of any bonds to fund pension obligations or other post-employment benefits. Finance

H-5742 BUDGET COMMISSIONS (Silva) This act would require that the compensation for the staff hired by budget commissions shall be paid by the State of Rhode Island from the general fund. Finance

H-5770 LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Brien) This act would make certain technical amendments/clarifications to the general law sections concerning the assessment of real property, and the timing and process of appeals. The provisions of the act would apply to tax year 2011 (i.e. valuations as of 12/31/10) and thereafter. This act would not apply retroactively to appeals of prior assessments whether pending or filed after enactment. Municipal Government

H-5785 MUNICIPAL SERVICES PRO RATA REIMBURSEMENT (Carnevale & Others) This act would permit municipalities to seek reimbursement for essential services provided to tax exempt "nonprofit hospitals" or "private nonprofit institutions of higher education" on a pro rata basis according to assessed property value serviced up to a maximum of 25% of all taxes that would have been collected. Finance

H-5836 PAYMENT IN LIEU (Ruggiero & Others) This act would allow cities/towns to receive state aid in lieu of taxes not paid by federal government facilities located in their jurisdictions. Finance

H-5837 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX (Azzinaro) This act would repeal the "Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Tax Elimination Act of 1998". Finance

H-5838 MAXIMUM LEVY (Azzinaro) This act would establish maximum tax rate increases for cities/towns. It would allow the city/town to consider growth in a local tax base in setting the tax rate. Finance

H-5839 EXCISE ON MOTOR VEHICLES (Serpa) This act would provide that buses, trucks and trailers operated by a bus company or truck company would not be subject to the excise tax on the condition that the bus, truck and/or trailer is utilized exclusively more than 80% of the time in interstate commerce. This is a change from the current language of "utilized exclusively" only. Finance

H-5847 EXCISE ON MOTOR VEHICLES (Handy & Others) This act would exempt "qualified plug-in electric drive vehicles" from the state sales tax, and under this new provision a tax credit is allowed against both the excise tax and sales tax imposed on the vehicle subject to certain limitations. Finance

H-5894Aaa 2012 APPROPRIATIONS ACT (Melo)

ART. 12 DISTRESSED COMMUNITIES RELIEF FUND This article provides that for each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2011, and June 30, 2012, \$784,458 of the total appropriation shall be distributed equally to each qualifying distressed community. Finance

H-5894Aaa 2012 APPROPRIATIONS ACT (Melo)

ART. 12 MUNICIPAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS This article would require municipalities to satisfy additional reporting requirements to the Division of Municipal Finance under the following sections of the general laws: 44-35-10 – Balanced municipal budgets – Additional reporting requirements – Electronic reporting/municipal uniform chart of accounts; 45-12-22.2 – Monitoring of financial operations – Corrective action; 45-12-22.3 – Year-end deficits; 44-5-22 – Certification of tax roll; 16-2-9 – General powers and duties of school committees. Finance

H-5894Aaa 2012 APPROPRIATIONS ACT (Melo)

ART. 19 COLLECTION OF DEBTS BY GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES This article would allow governmental entities, including municipalities, to contract with the state tax administrator to collect any outstanding liabilities owed the governmental entity. Finance

H-5894Aaa 2012 APPROPRIATIONS ACT (Melo)

ART. 19 SALES TAX ON REMOTE TRANSACTIONS This article would increase the rates of both the Local Meals and Beverage Tax and Local Hotel Tax from 1% to 1.5% of gross receipts on certain remote sales. Finance

H-5894 2012 APPROPRIATIONS ACT (Melo) **(Deleted from H-5894A)**

ART. 26 SALES TAX MODERNIZATION This article amend the state sales tax laws by reducing the percentage collected from 7% to 6% and expanding its reach to services and other items, and also establishes a 1% sales tax on various enumerated items. Changes of particular relevancy to municipalities include the following: Local Meals and Beverage Tax increased to 2% with the additional 1% deposited to the Municipal Accountability, Stability, and Transparency Fund; Local Hotel Tax increased to 2% with the additional 1% deposited to the Tourism Asset Protection Program; and sales by writers, composers, and artists located in MED zones would now be subject to the sales and use tax at the 1% rate. Finance

H-5894 2012 APPROPRIATIONS ACT (Melo) (see H-5894A – Article 12)
ART. 39 MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTABILITY, STABILITY, AND TRANSPARENCY FUND
This article creates the 'MAST' Fund which purpose is to encourage municipalities to employ fiscally prudent practices, improve the sustainability of their retirement and OPEB plans, and to reduce unfunded liabilities. Additional state aid would be disbursed to municipalities which comply with the requirements set forth throughout this article. Finance

H-5894 2012 APPROPRIATIONS ACT (Melo) (see H-5894A – Article 12)
ART. 40 DISTRESSED COMMUNITIES RELIEF FUND This article provides that for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, the total state distribution of these funds shall be \$15,576,687 with \$784,458 of the total appropriation distributed equally to each qualifying distressed community. Distressed communities must submit 5 year budget forecasts by June 20, 2011, to the division of municipal finance in the Department of Revenue in order to receive supplemental state aid payments. Finance

H-5910 STATE-OWNED PROPERTY (Lima) This act would eliminate the exemption from local property taxes currently granted state-owned property. Finance

H-5918 HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION (Ucci & Petrarca) This act would allow cities/towns authorized to enact homestead exemptions to provide that exemption by ordinance to all owner occupied premises regardless of any law, regulation or ordinance to the contrary. Municipal Government

H-5922 BUDGET COMMISSIONS (McCauley) This act would clarify provisions in Chapter 45-9 entitled "Budget Commissions" in order to address issues that have arisen in the administration of this chapter, including indemnification, the powers of the receiver, and expenditures by elected officials. Municipal Government

H-5923 QUARTERLY PAYMENT OF TAXES (McCauley & Others) This act would give municipalities the authority to require immediate payment of taxes on any late installment, and to impose an interest charge only on that late installment. Municipal Government

H-5946 QUARTERLY PAYMENT OF TAXES (Williams & Others) This act would give municipalities the authority to require immediate payment of taxes on any late installment, and to impose an interest charge only on that late installment. Municipal Government

H-5947 COLLECTION OF TAXES (Ajello & Others) This act would require obtaining a municipal lien certificate certifying the payment of all tangible personal property taxes upon the sale or transfer of more than 50% of the assets or ownership interest of a business. Municipal Government

H-5950 FRANCHISE TAX: CABLE SERVICES (Hull & Others) This act would permit cities/towns to grant non-exclusive franchise rights to telecommunications and cable services. Municipal Government

H-6052 APPOINTMENT OF RECEIVER (Silva & Others) This act would limit the powers of a municipal receiver to matters related solely to the fiscal stability of a city/town, with such powers to be exercised within the parameters of applicable state law and the city/town charter or code of ordinances. It also would prohibit the receiver from locking out or otherwise prohibiting elected officials from conducting their ordinary duties involving the daily operation of the city/town. Finance

H-6086 LENDERS AND LOAN BROKERS (McNamara) This act would now exempt municipalities which make, broker or fund loans from state licensing regulations regarding lenders and loan brokers. Finance

H-6098 HISTORIC STRUCTURES: TAX CREDIT (O'Neill & Others) This act would reinstitute the historic structures tax credit to provide economic incentives for the purpose of stimulating rehabilitation, redevelopment, and reuse of these historic structures. Finance

H-6143 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX REIMBURSEMENT (McLaughlin) This act would change the method for determining the motor vehicle excise tax reimbursement to the following: based on a rate that shall be determined by computing each municipality's percentage of the total assessed value of all motor vehicles and trailers in the state (assessed value of city/town divided by the total state assessed value). Finance

H-6262 EXCISE TAX ON MOTOR VEHICLES (Azzinaro & Others) This act would provide that motor vehicles and trailers that are older than 18 years would be valued using the same aging methodology as the prior year. Finance

H-6283 EXCISE TAX ON MOTOR VEHICLES (Newberry) This act would modify the method by which motor vehicles are valued for purposes of the excise tax, and it also would repeal the "Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Tax Elimination Act of 1998". Finance

H-6289 ASSESSMENTS: QUALIFYING LOW-INCOME HOUSING (O'Grady & Others) This act would require that any single family owner-occupied property that is encumbered by a covenant in favor of a governmental unit, or the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation, or a Section 501(3)(c) nonprofit corporation, which covenant restricts the sale price, is to be assessed for tax purposes by taking into account the affect of the covenant on the value of the property.. Municipal Government

S-15 VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS (Tassoni & Others) This act would give cities/towns the option of totally exempting from taxation the homestead of a totally disabled veteran or his/her surviving spouse. Finance

S-50 OTHER POST- EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS – OPEB TRUSTS (DiPalma & Others) This act would allow for shared service administration of OPEB trusts among municipalities. It also would add corporations established pursuant to Chapter 5 of Title 45 entitled "Councils and Governing Bodies" to the list of entities which may act as trustee for trust agreements among municipalities and banks or trust companies in reference to OPEB trusts. Also, it would allow municipalities to utilize these corporations to advise on the investment of the OPEB trust fund. Finance

S-51 OTHER POST- EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS – OPEB TRUSTS (DiPalma & Others) This act would add corporations established pursuant to Chapter 5 of Title 45 entitled "Councils and Governing Bodies" to the list of entities which may act as trustee for trust agreements among school districts and banks or trust companies in reference to OPEB trusts. It also would allow school districts to utilize these corporations to advise on the investment of the OPEB trust fund. Finance

S-52 MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING COMPLIANCE (DiPalma & Others) This act would create a uniform system of accounting promulgated by the Office of Auditor General and Division of Municipal Finance, and would require all accounts of the municipality to be kept in accordance with this system. Finance

S-57 SALES TAX: NEW AND USED BOATS (Tassoni) This act would impose a sales and use tax with respect to the sale, and to the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of any new or used boat. All sums received by the Division of Taxation under this section as taxes would be distributed by the State Treasurer to each city/town in proportion to their population. Finance

S-75 SHARED MUNICIPAL SERVICES (DiPalma & Others) This act would submit to the electors of the state a non-binding referendum question concerning pursuit of the facilitation of shared municipal services in order to achieve economic benefits. Special Legislation

S-95 MAXIMUM LEVY (Fogarty & Others) This act would provide that municipalities, when calculating their maximum levy, may include interim assessments in the total amount levied and certified by the city/town. Finance

S-171 SHARED MUNICIPAL SERVICES (DiPalma & Others) This joint resolution would create a permanent special legislative commission to be known as the Commission on Shared Municipal Services, which purpose it would be to make a comprehensive study, and provide recommendations to create a more economic, efficient, and effective management of municipal services. Special Legislation

S-189 SCHOOL REGIONALIZATION BONUSES (Felag & Others) This act would amend the provisions of the "Education Equity and Property Tax Relief Act" by freezing the amount of the of the regionalization bonus at 2% of the state's share of the foundation education aid for the regionalized district. Finance

S-194 PROPERTY EXEMPT: PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING (Metts) This act would remove the tax exempt status for real and personal property of any private college, university or other institutions of higher learning. Finance

S-228 HISTORICAL CEMETERIES (Sheehan & Sosnowski) This act would make sweeping changes to the laws on historical cemeteries including establishing a register to be maintained by the recorder of deeds with the city/town assessor noting the location of each cemetery on the tax assessor's map; requiring that every deed presented for recording would contain a notation that a historical cemetery is located on the property; and authorizing city/town councils to provide abatements from taxation for real property on which a cemetery is located. Judiciary

S-311 TAX EXEMPTIONS: TRANSFER OF PROPERTY (McCaffrey & Lynch) This act would provide that tax exemptions created by the general laws, public laws or municipal ordinances would not be affected by the transfer of an ownership interest in property if a life estate is retained, if the transferor leases the property back, and by a transfer to a revocable or irrevocable living trust if certain conditions are met. Judiciary

S-312 TAX SALES (Metts & Others) This act would amend the time frame and process by which tax collectors must notify the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation of pending tax sales. It also would amend the section pertaining to petitions for foreclosure of redemption as it affects properties acquired by RIHMFC. Judiciary

S-320 MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ELIMINATION (Lombardo & Others) This act would entitle anyone who receives social security retirement or disability, and who meets certain income and net worth limitations to a local exemption of \$6,000 on the motor vehicle excise tax. Finance

S-326 MOBILE AND MANUFACTURED HOMES (Fogarty & Tassoni) This act would provide a procedure for a landlord to initiate a future qualified sale of a manufactured/ mobile home community to a "qualified tenant organization" in order to preserve these types of communities. This type of sale would be exempt from the excise tax imposed on motor vehicles and trailers. Housing & Municipal Government

S-355 LOCAL TAX COLLECTORS (Algiere) This act would establish an annual training institute for local tax collectors to be conducted by the Department of Revenue in cooperation with the Rhode Island Association of Collection Officers. Finance

S-496Aaa FARM, FOREST, AND OPEN SPACE (Sosnowski & Others) This senate resolution would create a special senate Commission to Study the Methodology and Values of Land Enrolled in the Rhode Island Farm, Forest, and Open Space Land Program. Special Legislation

S-514 FRANCHISE TAX: CABLE SERVICES (Pichardo & Others) This act would permit cities/towns to grant non-exclusive franchise rights to telecommunications and cable services. Corporations

- S-530 APPOINTMENT OF RECEIVER** (Crowley & Others) This act would limit the powers of a municipal receiver to matters related solely to the fiscal stability of a city/town, with such powers to be exercised within the parameters of applicable state law and the city/town charter or code of ordinances. It also would prohibit the receiver from locking out or otherwise prohibiting elected officials from conducting their ordinary duties involving the daily operation of the city/town. Housing & Municipal Government
- S-556 RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS** (Miller & Others) This act would exempt from property taxation renewable energy systems located at a nonprofit affordable housing development or project, which systems utilize eligible renewable energy resources. Finance
- S-559 MAXIMUM LEVY** (Fogarty) This act would make changes to the maximum levy a city/town is authorized to make by adding new growth revenue to the maximum allowable amount levied, by making certain expenditures exempt from the levy cap, and insuring that the appropriation to a school department cannot exceed its share of the levy limitation. Finance
- S-562 MOBILE AND MANUFACTURED HOMES** (Fogarty & Tassoni) This act would exempt a qualified sale of a mobile and manufactured home community from any excise tax imposed pursuant to the general laws. Finance
- S-563 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX** (Algieri) This act would repeal the "Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Tax Elimination Act of 1998". Finance
- S-564 PAYMENT IN LIEU** (DiPalma) This act would allow cities/towns to receive state aid in lieu of taxes not paid by federal government facilities located in their jurisdictions. Finance
- S-567 STATE MANDATES** (Algieri & Others) This act would authorize the Director of the Department of Administration to grant waivers from the operation of any state mandate or other requirement administered by the department, in response to a petition from a municipality addressed to the Office of Local Government Assistance. Finance
- S-570 PURCHASING** (McCaffrey) This act would require the state and its municipalities to award contracts to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder by redefining the word 'shall' to mean not modified, limited or conditioned, or replaced by the palpable abuse of discretion standard of review. Finance
- S-590 EXCISE ON MOTOR VEHICLES** (Miller & Others) This act would exempt "qualified plug-in electric drive vehicles" from the state sales tax, and under this new provision a tax credit is allowed against both the excise tax and sales tax imposed on the vehicle subject to certain limitations. Finance
- S-592 QUARTERLY PAYMENT OF TAXES** (Goodwin & Others) This act would give municipalities the authority to require immediate payment of taxes on any late installment, and to impose an interest charge only on that installment. Finance

S-598 MAXIMUM LEVY (Algiere) This act would establish maximum tax rate increases for cities/towns. It would allow the city/town to consider growth in a local tax base in setting the tax rate. Finance

S-600 PERFORMANCE AUDITS (Sheehan & Others) This act would establish a performance audit division within the Auditor General's Office. Among its duties would be making performance audits of units of local government when directed by the Speaker of the House or President of the Senate. Finance

S-611 HISTORIC STRUCTURES: TAX CREDIT (Doyle & Others) This act would reinstitute the historic structures tax credit in distressed communities to provide economic incentives for the purpose of stimulating rehabilitation, redevelopment, and reuse of these historic structures. Finance

S-614A INDEBTEDNESS OF TOWNS AND CITIES (DaPonte) This act would enhance capital market access for cities, towns and districts by providing that general obligation bonds, notes, and other financing obligations of cities, towns and districts have a lien on ad valorem taxes and general fund revenues. It also would require that the Auditor General and the Director of the Department of Revenue approve the issuance of any bonds to fund pension obligations or other post-employment benefits. Finance

S-617 LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (DaPonte) This act would make certain technical amendments / clarifications to the general law sections concerning the assessment of real property, and the timing and process of appeals. The provisions of the act would apply to tax year 2011 (i.e. valuations as of 12/31/10) and thereafter. This act would not apply retroactively to appeals of prior assessments whether pending or filed after enactment. Finance

S-618A BUDGET COMMISSIONS (DaPonte) This act would require the state to indemnify and hold harmless the Director of the Department of Revenue, any fiscal overseer, budget commission member, receiver or administration and finance officer acting in accordance with Chapter 45-9 entitled "Budget Commissions", and also would exempt those mentioned above from civil liability or liability for misdemeanor violations of criminal laws. Finance

S-619A BUDGET COMMISSIONS (DaPonte) This act would clarify provisions in Chapter 45-9 entitled "Budget Commissions" in order to address issues that have arisen in the administration of the chapter, including indemnification, exemption from liability and prosecution, the powers of the receiver, and expenditures by elected officials. Finance

S-620 EXCISE ON MOTOR VEHICLES (Walaska) This act would provide that buses, trucks and trailers operated by a bus company or truck company would not be subject to excise tax on the condition that the bus, truck and/or trailer is utilized exclusively more than 80% of the time in interstate commerce. This is a change from the current language of "utilized exclusively" only. Finance

S-629A ASSESSMENTS: QUALIFYING LOW-INCOME HOUSING (Tassoni & Others) This act would require that any single family owner-occupied property which is encumbered by a covenant in favor of a governmental unit, or Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation, or a Section 501(3)(c) nonprofit corporation, which covenant restricts the sale price, is to be assessed for tax purposes by taking into account the affect of the covenant on the value of the property. Finance

S-633 TAX SALES (Jabour & Others) This act would require the tax collector to provide 40 days notice to the Department of Elderly Affairs prior to property tax sales of property owned by persons who have been granted a tax abatement based wholly or partially on the age of the taxpayer. Judiciary

S-645 COLLECTION OF TAXES (Goodwin & Others) This act would require obtaining a municipal lien certificate certifying the payment of all tangible personal property taxes upon the sale or transfer of more than 50% of the assets or ownership interest of a business. Judiciary

S-765 MUNICIPAL SERVICES PRO RATA REIMBURSEMENT (Fogarty & Tassoni) This act would permit municipalities to seek reimbursement for essential services provided to tax exempt "nonprofit hospitals" or "private nonprofit institutions of higher education" on a pro rata basis according to assessed property value serviced up to a maximum of 25% of all taxes that would have been collected. Finance

S-787 OVERTIME COMPENSATION (Lynch & Others) This act would eliminate the overtime provisions for hours worked over 8 hours in any one day for prevailing wage work. It would preserve the "over 40 hour" work week overtime provisions. Labor

S-854 INTERLOCAL REGIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION (DiPalma & Others) This act would establish a public corporation to be known as "The Rhode Island Interlocal Regional Services Commission". The purpose of the commission would be to operate and administer various municipal operations which encompass 2 or more adjacent municipalities. It also would contain several provisions that address the operation and management of OPEB trusts, including a new section entitled "Power of city and town councils and regional school districts to jointly establish a corporation to manage and operate OPEB trusts" – (45-5-20.2). Finance

S-858 LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POOLS (Felag) This act would create the "Rhode Island Local Government Investment Pool Act" which would allow eligible governmental entities to participate with the state in providing maximum opportunities for the investment of public funds. Finance

S-1002 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX REIMBURSEMENT (Picard & Others) This act would change the method for determining the motor vehicle excise tax reimbursement to the following: based on a rate that shall be determined by computing each municipality's percentage of the total assessed value of all motor vehicles and trailers in the state (assessed value of city/town divided by the total state assessed value). Finance

S-1076 LENDERS AND LOAN BROKERS (Miller) This act would now exempt municipalities that make, broker, or fund loans from state licensing regulations regarding lenders and loan brokers. Corporations

S-1089 EXCISE TAX: RENTAL VEHICLES (DaPonte) This act would set a maximum excise tax rate on rental cars if the rental car company has more than 400 vehicles registered in the state, and the vehicle is rented for less than 6 months. Finance

HOUSING

H-5032 LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (DaSilva & Others) This act would provide for indemnification of landlords by their tenants against any claims arising out of the tenants' cultivation of medical marijuana. Judiciary

H-5040 FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES (DaSilva & Others) This act would provide that a landlord does not have to lease a dwelling to persons who either cultivate or intend to cultivate medical marijuana on the leased premises. Judiciary

H-5151 PUBLIC UTILITIES (Williams) This act would prohibit public utilities from making the effective date for actual termination of services occur on a Friday, Saturday, Sunday or a state holiday. Corporations

H-5252 MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE AND SALE (Diaz & Others) This act would require a mortgagee to notify tenants of the date, time and place of a foreclosure sale along with contact information for Rhode Island Legal Services and HUD approved counseling agencies in Rhode Island. It also would require that any successor in interest to a foreclosed mortgagor continue to provide essential services such as heat, running water, hot water, electric or gas. Judiciary

H-5253 RECORDING OF FORECLOSURE DEED (Diaz & Others) This act would require that foreclosure deeds be recorded within 30 days of the foreclosure sale with failure to do so rendering the sale null and void. This act also would establish a monthly "periodic tenancy" subject to the provisions of the "Residential Landlord and Tenant Act" for bona fide tenants of a mortgagor. Judiciary

H-5290 MEDICAL MARIJUANA (DaSilva & Others) This act would permit a landlord to refuse to rent to a medical marijuana cardholder who intends to grow marijuana on the leased premises, and imposes a duty on the cardholder to inform a landlord in writing of the intention to possess marijuana plants. Judiciary

H-5479 REVOLVING LOAN FUND PROGRAM (Kennedy & Others) This act would establish a revolving loan fund program within the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation for the purpose of making loans to make home modifications to the primary residences of persons who have a disability, or are age 65 or older, or are the caregivers of family members with a disability. Finance

H-5648 LANDLORD PAYMENT OF FUEL OIL (Ajello & Others) This act would require a landlord to pay a departing tenant the value of fuel oil left in the tank upon the tenant vacating the premises. Judiciary

H-5673 MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE AND SALE (Winfield) This act would add a new section 34-27-1.2 – “Notice and recordation of assignments and transfers” pertaining to mortgage foreclosure sales. Under this section 45 days notice would be required prior to a proposed foreclosure sale, and all transfers or assignments of the mortgage must be recorded in the land evidence records of the city/town in which the property is located. Judiciary

H-5710 LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Lally & Others) This act would include rental units in the definition of low and moderate income housing, including naturally occurring, in which the amount of rent charged falls within the appropriate amounts as defined by the applicable federal or state statutes. It also would include units which utilize the HUD Section 8 program. Municipal Government

H-5824 FORECLOSURE ON PROPERTY (Gallison & Others) This act would prohibit the foreclosure on property owned by persons in the military during periods of military deployment or within 9 months after these periods. Veterans’ Affairs

H-5907 MOBILE AND MANUFACTURED HOMES (Keable) This act would provide a procedure for a landlord to initiate a future qualified sale of a manufactured/mobile home community to a “qualified tenant organization” in order to preserve these types of communities. This type of sale would be exempt from the excise tax imposed on motor vehicles and trailers. Judiciary

H-5913 NEIGHBORHOOD OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM (Slater & Others) This act would establish and fund the neighborhood opportunities program to address the housing and revitalization needs of the state’s deteriorating neighborhoods. Finance

H-5942 MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE AND SALE (Williams & Others) This act would require that a mortgagee, after an individual consumer mortgagor’s delinquency commences, to provide written notice within 45 days to the clerk or recorder of deeds of the city/town in which the property is located. Counseling between the mortgagor and mortgagee is mandatory, and must be provided by a HUD-approved independent counseling agency. This requirement must be complied with prior to acceptance and recording in the land evidence records. Judiciary

H-6016 RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Edwards & Others) This act would provide a tenant of a foreclosed property greater protection against eviction by increasing notice requirements and delineating what would constitute just cause for eviction. Judiciary

H-6276 SUPPORT OF HOMELESS (Martin) This act would establish a permanent council to be known as the “Interagency Council on Homelessness” to study and apply solutions for ending homelessness in the state. Municipal Government

H-6293 TERMINATION OF UTILITY SERVICE (Slater) This act would amend the process of the termination of utility service to the elderly, disabled and seriously ill by making the termination process subject to specific procedural rules. Corporations

S-26 LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Tassoni) This act would allow a landlord who has a tenant who is more than 10 days in arrears in rent, as opposed to the current 15 days, to send a notice of nonpayment. It would abolish the landlord's current obligation to have the tenant's possessions removed and stored by the sheriff serving the court execution. Judiciary

S-214 IMMIGRATION STATUS (Metts & Pichardo) This act would prohibit a landlord from asking the immigration status of a prospective tenant, or from being compelled to do so by a local municipality or housing agency. Judiciary

S-225 FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES (Metts & Others) This act would make various amendments to the "Rhode Island Fair Housing Practices Act" which prohibit discrimination based upon "government assistance recipient status". Judiciary

S-285 TERMINATION OF UTILITY SERVICE (Metts & Others) This act would amend the process for termination of utility service to the elderly, disabled and seriously ill by making the termination process subject to specific procedural rules. Corporations

S-286 TERMINATION OF UTILITY SERVICE (Metts & Others) This act would amend the process for termination of utility service to the elderly, disabled and seriously ill by making the termination process subject to specific procedural rules. Corporations

S-313 MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE AND SALE (Metts & Others) This act would require a mortgagee to notify tenants of the date, time and place of a foreclosure sale along with contact information for Rhode Island Legal Services and HUD approved counseling agencies in Rhode Island. It also would require that any successor in interest to a foreclosed mortgagor continue to provide essential services such as heat, running water, hot water, electric or gas. Judiciary

S-326 MOBILE AND MANUFACTURED HOMES (Fogarty & Tassoni) This act would provide a procedure for a landlord to initiate a future qualified sale of a manufactured/mobile home community to a "qualified tenant organization" in order to preserve these types of communities. This type of sale would be exempt from the excise tax imposed on motor vehicles and trailers. Housing & Municipal Government

S-328 RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Metts & Others) This act would amend the "Residential Landlord and Tenant Act" by adding two new sections which protect tenants and former owner occupants who become tenants in properties that have been foreclosed. The act also would require that the purchaser of the property sold at a foreclosure sale give notice within 7 days to every household residing there. Judiciary

S-344 NOTICE TO BONA FIDE TENANTS (Pichardo & Others) This act would require any successor in interest to a foreclosed mortgagor to meet certain notification requirements prior to evicting "bona fide tenants" legally occupying a foreclosed property. The act also provides that its provisions would preempt local ordinances and regulations of municipalities that are inconsistent or more burdensome on mortgagees. Judiciary

S-356 REVOLVING LOAN FUND PROGRAM (Tassoni & Others) This act would establish a revolving loan fund program within the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation for the purpose of making loans to make home modifications to the primary residences of persons who have a disability, or are age 65 or older, or are the caregivers of family members with a disability. Finance

S-412 UTILITY BILLS (Miller & Others) This act would add a new chapter to the general laws entitled "Percentage Income Payment Plan for Regulated Utilities" (42-141.1) which purpose is to aid low income residential consumers with the payment of mandatory utility bills. This program would be funded by the 'Universal Service Fund' consisting of a reasonable volumetric charge on electric and gas meters assumed by all ratepayers. Corporations

S-539Aaa SUPPORT OF HOMELESS (DeVall & Others) This act would establish a permanent council known as the "Interagency Council on Homelessness", the duties of which include development of a strategic plan to end homelessness and to coordinate services and identify gaps in services for the homeless. Housing & Municipal Government

S-571 NEIGHBORHOOD OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM (Pichardo & Others) This act would establish and fund the neighborhood opportunities program to address the housing and revitalization needs of the state's deteriorating neighborhoods. Finance

S-629A ASSESSMENTS: QUALIFYING LOW-INCOME HOUSING (Tassoni & Others) This act would require that any single family owner-occupied property which is encumbered by a covenant in favor of a governmental unit, or Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation, or a Section 501(3)(c) nonprofit corporation, which covenant restricts the sale price, is to be assessed for tax purposes by taking into account the affect of the covenant on the value of the property. Finance

S-673 RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT (Jabour & Others) This act would provide a tenant of a foreclosed property greater protection against eviction by increasing notice requirements and delineating what would constitute just cause for eviction. Judiciary

S-683 MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE AND SALE (Pichardo & Others) This act would require that a mortgagee, after an individual consumer mortgagor's delinquency commences, to provide written notice within 45 days to the clerk or recorder of deeds of the city/town in which the property is located. Counseling between the mortgagor and mortgagee is mandatory, and must be provided by a HUD-approved independent counseling agency. This requirement must be complied with prior to acceptance and recording in the land evidence records. Judiciary

S-703A FORECLOSURE ON PROPERTY (Felag & Others) This act would give the court the power to stay proceedings, to adjust the obligation to preserve the interests of all parties, and to invalidate the foreclosure on property owned by persons in the military during periods of military deployment or within 6 months after these periods. Special Legislation

S-773 LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Fogarty & Others) This act would allow mobile and manufactured homes which are part of a mobile and manufactured home park to be counted as low and moderate income housing for purposes of compliance with the requirements of the city/town comprehensive land use plan. Housing & Municipal Government

LABOR RELATIONS

H-5134 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION (Blazejewski & Others) This act would authorize the Labor Relations Board to certify and recognize union representatives of public employees who submit authorization cards signed by at least 70% of the eligible employee members of the bargaining unit. Labor

H-5225 ELECTRONIC EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION SYSTEMS (Diaz & Others) This act would provide that, except as required by federal law or as a condition of receiving federal funds, neither the state nor its municipalities shall require an employer to use an "electronic employment verification system" as a condition of receiving a government contract or applying for or maintaining a business license. Labor

H-5298 UNRESOLVED ISSUES SUBMITTED TO ARBITRATION (Jackson & Others) This act would allow an arbitration board, with the agreement of the parties, to render a decision that brings the bargaining agreement up to date, regardless of the amount of years in question, under the "Firefighters' Arbitration" and the "Municipal Police Arbitration" statutes. Labor

H-5697 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS (Trillo & Brien) This act would provide that upon the expiration or termination of a collective bargaining agreement between the state or any municipality and its employees all prior collective bargaining agreements would be unenforceable and otherwise null and void. Labor

H-5700 MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' ARBITRATION (Lally) This act would make numerous changes to the general law Chapter entitled "Municipal Employees' Arbitration" by adding several new sections and amending several others. Labor

H-5701 LABOR RELATIONS ACT (Lally) This act would provide that, in the event of a conflict between the terms of a public sector collective bargaining agreement and the terms of a municipal charter or ordinance, that the terms of the collective bargaining agreement would prevail. Labor

H-5705 MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' ARBITRATION (Flaherty) This act would amend the definition of a "municipal employee" as contained in the "Municipal Employees' Arbitration" chapter by amending language referencing 'employees of authorities'. Labor

H-5706 CERTIFIED SCHOOL TEACHERS' ARBITRATION (Chippendale & Gordon)

This act would provide that a statewide teacher contract would be instituted for public school elementary and secondary teachers that would cover pay and benefits only. Labor

H-5765 FIREFIGHTERS' ARBITRATION (Lally & McCauley) This act would provide under the "Firefighters' Arbitration" statute that, if a successor collective bargaining agreement has not been agreed to after the conclusion of the 30 day period, then all contractual benefits will continue in effect until an agreement has been reached or an arbitration award has been rendered. Labor

H-5766 UNFAIR PRACTICES (Lally & McCauley) This act provides that the power of the state Labor Relations Board to prevent a public employer and public employees from engaging in an unfair labor practice would not be affected by the election of remedies doctrine or any grievance procedure or arbitration invoked pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement. Labor

H-5816 FIREFIGHTERS' ARBITRATION (Lally & DeSimone) This act would continue all contractual provisions contained in a firefighters' collective bargaining agreement until such time as a successor agreement has been reached or an interest arbitration award has been rendered. Labor

H-5817 MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' ARBITRATION (Flaherty & Bennett) This act would make several procedural and substantive changes in the "Municipal Employees' Arbitration" laws. Newly added sections concern the continuance of contractual provisions in future bargaining agreements, specific factors to be considered by arbitration boards when arriving at a decision, and the payment of attorneys' fees. Labor

H-5881 RIGHT TO WORK (Trillo & Others) This act would enact the "Right to Work Act" which gives employees, including public employees, the right to refrain from becoming dues paying members of labor organizations as a condition of employment. Labor

H-5882 SICK TIME (Trillo) This act would prohibit payment for unused or accumulated sick time for state and municipal employees covered by collective bargaining agreements other than police and fire. It also contains various provisions concerning future collective bargaining agreements with state and municipal employees, including limiting the agreement to wages and salaries only for a period of one year, exclusion of retirement and health benefits, and also a provision mandating defined contribution plans established by the general assembly for future hirees. Labor

H-5901 HEALTH CARE BENEFITS (McNamara) This act would increase the number of uniform health care benefit plans designed for their employees that can be considered for implementation by public school systems and districts by using the word 'recommended' in reference thereto. H.E.W.

H-5917 HEALTH CARE BENEFITS (Brien & Phillips) This act would mandate that no collective bargaining agreement covering public school teachers, firefighters, police officers, and municipal employees of any city/town, school district or fire district shall provide for an employee contribution of less than 25% of the premium costs of health care and dental benefits. Municipal Government

H-5921 DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Costa) This act provides that no collective bargaining agreement covering public employees ratified after August 1, 2011, may require the employer to provide a defined benefit pension plan to its non-vested employees. Labor

H-5943 SCHOOL TEACHERS' ARBITRATION (Carnevale & Others) This act would provide that, if a successor collective bargaining agreement has not been agreed to by the parties, the existing contract shall continue in effect until an agreement has been reached among the parties. Labor

H-5961 SCHOOL TEACHERS' ARBITRATION (McCauley & Others) This act would expand the scope of the binding arbitration process to include monetary issues, and also would streamline the actual binding arbitration process itself under the "Certified School Teachers' Arbitration Act". Provisions covering arbitration for non-teacher and non-certified employees would be newly added to this chapter. Labor

H-6066 MUNICIPAL POLICE ARBITRATION (Lally & Others) This act would continue all contractual provisions contained in a municipal police collective bargaining agreement until a successor collective bargaining agreement has been reached or an interest arbitration award has been rendered. Labor

H-6146 MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' ARBITRATION (Flaherty & Others) This act would continue all contractual provisions contained in the existing municipal employees' collective bargaining agreement until such time as a successor collective bargaining agreement has been reached. Labor

S-73 UNRESOLVED ISSUES SUBMITTED TO ARBITRATION (DiPalma & Others) This act would allow an arbitration board, with the agreement of the parties, to render a decision that brings the bargaining agreement up to date, regardless of the amount of years in question, under the "Firefighters' Arbitration" and the "Municipal Police Arbitration" statutes. Labor

S-224 FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES (Metts & Others) This act would prohibit any state or city/town agency from denying the issuance of any license or employment by reason of the applicant having been previously convicted of one or more criminal offenses. Judiciary

S-404 FIREFIGHTERS' ARBITRATION (DiPalma & Others) This act would continue all contractual provisions contained in a firefighters' collective bargaining agreement until such time as a successor collective bargaining agreement has been reached or an interest arbitration award has been rendered. Labor

S-407 UNION DUES (Moura & Others) This act would provide that teachers who are members of a certified collective bargaining unit shall not be terminated based upon their failure to authorize the deduction of union dues from their pay. Labor

S-409 UNION DUES (Hodgson) This act would provide that no public employee shall be compelled to pay union dues as a condition of employment. Labor

S-413 SCHOOL TEACHERS' ARBITRATION (McCaffrey) This act would provide that, if a successor collective bargaining agreement has not been agreed to by the parties, the existing contract shall continue in effect until an agreement has been reached among the parties. Labor

S-415 SCHOOL TEACHER STRIKES (Shibley & Others) This act would explicitly make strikes by school teachers illegal as part of the "Labor Relations Act". Labor

S-423 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION (Goodwin) This act would authorize the Labor Relations Board to certify and recognize union representatives of public employees who submit authorization cards signed by at least 70% of the eligible employee members of the bargaining unit. Labor

S-789 MUNICIPAL POLICE ARBITRATION (DiPalma & Others) This act would continue all contractual provisions contained in a municipal police collective bargaining agreement until such time as a successor collective bargaining agreement has been reached or an interest arbitration award has been rendered. Labor

S-794 SCHOOL TEACHERS' ARBITRATION (McCaffrey & Others) This act would expand the scope of the binding arbitration process to include monetary issues, and also it would streamline the actual binding arbitration process itself under the "Certified School Teachers' Arbitration Act". Provisions covering arbitration for non-teacher and non-certified employees would be newly added to this chapter. Labor

S-896 HEALTH BENEFITS (Miller & Gallo) This act would provide that health benefits previously negotiated on behalf of retirees (firefighters, police officers, teachers, and municipal employees) shall remain in full force and effect, but all provisions negotiated for active employees relating to cost sharing or plan design shall be applicable to existing and new retirees. Also, it creates the "Rhode Island Municipal Employee Uniform Benefit Act" in order to create uniform medical and prescription drug benefit plan designs for municipal employees. Labor

LIQUOR CONTROL & LICENSES

H-5010 WEAPONS – LICENSE OR PERMIT FEE (Corvese) This act would increase the fee for a weapons license or permit from \$40.00 to \$100.00, and would provide that nonresident licenses or permits would be valid for one year only. Finance

H-5254 CLASS N NIGHTCLUB LICENSE (Hearn & Others) This act would eliminate underage nights at nightclubs in which alcoholic beverages are served by not allowing patrons under the age of 21 on the premises. Judiciary

H-5289 PURCHASE AND SALE OF TOOLS AND ELECTRONICS (Nunes & Others) This act would require any person engaged in the business of buying or selling tools or electronic equipment readily identifiable with a serial number to obtain a license from the Attorney General. Licensees are required to maintain a record of all transactions concerning tools and electronics which must be provided to the chief of police on a weekly basis. Local chiefs of police would be responsible to monitor for stolen goods. Judiciary

H-5301aa MUNICIPAL WATER METER REPLACEMENT (Jackson & Others) This act would relieve municipalities and water districts from the requirement of hiring only licensed plumbers to replace water meters or meter reading devices. Municipal Government

H-5311 CLASS N NIGHTCLUB LICENSES (Petrarca & Others) This act would repeal Class N nightclub licenses. Judiciary

H-5332 ALCOHOL ENERGY DRINKS (Menard) This act would make it a violation to sell "alcohol energy drinks", and would give wholesalers and retailers 30 days from the date of passage to remove these products from their shelves. H.E.W.

H-5335 ALCOHOL ENERGY DRINKS (Petrarca & Others) This act would make it a violation to sell "alcohol energy drinks", and would give wholesalers and retailers 30 days from the date of passage to remove these products from their shelves. H.E.W.

H-5386 UNDERGROUND UTILITY CONTRACTORS (San Bento & Others) This act would require that underground utility contractors obtain a license from the local licensing municipality in order to install, repair, or replace underground utilities. It also would require that a bond be furnished by the contractor that would indemnify the local cities/towns. This act also would repeal section 5-20-11 of the general laws entitled "Licensing of Drainlayers and Installers". Corporations

H-5447 CLASS N NIGHTCLUB LICENSE (Petrarca & Others) This act would change the time from 1:00 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. as the latest time a patron may be admitted to an establishment holding a Class N nightclub license. Judiciary

H-5451 WEAPONS (Fellela & Others) This act would provide for automatic renewal of a weapons permit or license subject to payment of the fee and the performance of a criminal background check. Judiciary

H-5512 HUNTING LICENSES (Lally) This act would exempt persons seeking a license to hunt by bow and arrow with an archer's permit from the provision that provides for disqualification if there has been a conviction of a crime of violence or if the person is a fugitive from justice. Judiciary

H-5523 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES: BCI CHECKS (Chippendale & Others) This act would require that Bureau of Criminal Identification (BCI) checks for liquor license holders and applicants seeking a license be conducted by the local police chief with all fees paid to the local city/town. Judiciary

H-5548 LICENSES GENERALLY AND CLASS N LICENSES (Blazejewski & Others) This act would require liquor licensees to pay police details in full before they are allowed to operate, and also would require the transferee of a liquor license to assume all previous penalties imposed by the licensing authority. Also it would establish a mechanism by which the licensing authority may limit admittance to establishments holding a Class N – nightclub license. Municipal Government

H-5572 CLASS P LICENSES – CATERERS (Marcello & Others) This act would allow a Class P license holder to purchase alcoholic beverages at Rhode Island licensed wholesale or retail establishments. Corporations

H-5681 WEAPONS (Flaherty & Naughton) This act would create a buffer zone to prohibit issuance of a license to a dealer who intends to sell weapons at a location within 500 feet of a public, private or parochial school or a place of public worship. Judiciary

H-5708 DRIVERS' LICENSES: TOWN AND CITY CLERKS (Reilly & Others) This act would enable city/town councils to enact ordinances allowing the city/town clerks to accept applications for and/or the renewal of drivers' licenses. Municipal Government

H-5807 PURCHASE AND SALE OF TOOLS AND ELECTRONICS (O'Neill & Others) This act would require any person engaged in the business of buying or selling tools or electronic equipment readily identifiable with a serial number to obtain a license from the Attorney General. Licensees are required to maintain a record of all transactions concerning tools and electronics which must be provided to the chief of police on a weekly basis. Local chiefs of police would be responsible to monitor for stolen goods. Judiciary

H-5814 ALCOHOL SERVER TRAINING (Malik) This act would change the existing law to include Class A and ED licensees in the requirement to demonstrate existing alcohol server training certification. It also would change the waiting period for new employees to become certified from 60 days to 30 days for all classes of alcohol licenses. Judiciary

H-5875 CLASS C LICENSE (Silva & McLaughlin) This act would permit the extension of the operating hours of holders of Class C retail alcoholic beverage sales licenses upon application to the local licensing board. Requests for a 1:00 a.m. closing time must be advertised by the board in a newspaper with circulation where the establishment seeking the license is located. Judiciary

H-6003 LIQUOR LICENSES: CHILD CARE PROVIDERS (Winfield) This act would prohibit the issuance of most retail licenses for alcoholic beverages and licenses for childcare providers and child-placing agencies in situations in which one business would be located within 200 feet of the other business. Corporations

H-6220 LIQUOR LICENSES: SUNDAY SALES (Gallison & Others) This act would allow holders of Class A liquor licenses to remain open on Sundays until 9:00 p.m. if the following Monday is a holiday. Municipal Government

H-6250 SPORTS, RACING, ATHLETICS AND GAMING ENFORCEMENT (Jackson & Others) This act would comprehensively amend the laws, rules, regulations and governing bodies in the areas which concern licensing and taxation of gaming and athletics including: horse racing; dog racing; mutual betting and license fees; jai alai; off-track betting; and simulcasting. This act also would establish the Division of Gaming Enforcement in the Department of Attorney General. Finance

S-169 LIQUOR LICENSES: CHILDCARE PROVIDERS (Tassoni & Others) This act would prohibit the issuance of most retail licenses for alcoholic beverages and licenses for childcare providers and child-placing agencies in situations in which one business would be located within 200 ft. of the other business. Special Legislation

S-224 FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES (Metts & Others) This act would prohibit any state or city/town agency from denying the issuance of any license or employment by reason of the applicant having been previously convicted of one or more criminal offenses. Judiciary

S-255 ALCOHOL SERVER TRAINING (Sosnowski & Others) This act would change the existing law to include Class A and Class ED licensees in the requirement to demonstrate existing alcohol server training certification. It also would change the waiting period for new employees to become certified from 60 days to 30 days for all classes of alcohol licenses. Special Legislation

S-256 ALCOHOL ENERGY DRINKS (Tassoni & Others) This act would make it a violation to sell "alcohol energy drinks", and would give wholesalers and retailers 30 days from the date of passage to remove these products from their shelves. Special Legislation

S-411 MUNICIPAL WATER METER REPLACEMENT (Sosnowski) This act would relieve municipalities and water districts from the requirement of hiring only licensed plumbers to replace water meters. Labor

S-488 LICENSES GENERALLY AND CLASS N LICENSES (Metts & Others) This act would require liquor licensees to pay police detail bills in full before they are allowed to operate, and also would require the transferee of a liquor license to assume all previous penalties imposed by the licensing authority. Also, it would establish a mechanism by which the licensing authority may limit admittance to establishments holding a Class N – nightclub license. Special Legislation

S-490 CLASS C LICENSE (Goodwin) This act would permit the extension of the operating hours of holders of Class C retail alcoholic beverage sales licenses upon application to the local licensing board. Requests for a 1:00 a.m. closing time must be advertised by the board in a newspaper with circulation where the establishment seeking the license is located. Special Legislation

S-491 CLASS P LICENSES – CATERERS (Jabour & Crowley) This act would allow a Class P license holder to purchase alcoholic beverages at Rhode Island licensed wholesale or retail establishments. Special Legislation

S-495 CLASS N NIGHTCLUB LICENSE (DeVall & Tassoni) This act would change the time from 1:00 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. as the latest time a patron may be admitted to an establishment holding a Class N nightclub license. Special Legislation

S-516 UNDERGROUND UTILITY CONTRACTORS (Walaska & Bates) This act would require that underground utility contractors obtain a license from the local licensing municipality in order to install, repair, or replace underground utilities. It also would require that a bond be furnished by the contractor that would indemnify the local cities/towns. This act also would repeal section 5-20-11 of the general laws entitled "Licensing of Drainlayers and Installers". Corporations

S-664 PURCHASE AND SALE OF TOOLS AND ELECTRONICS (Pinga) This act would require any person engaged in the business of buying or selling tools or electronic equipment readily identifiable with a serial number to obtain a license from the Attorney General. Licensees are required to maintain a record of all transactions concerning tools and electronics which must be provided to the chief of police on a weekly basis. Local chiefs of police would be responsible to monitor for stolen goods. Judiciary

S-696 CONCEALED WEAPONS (Fogarty) This act would grant discretion to the licensing authorities of cities/towns regarding the issuance of a license or permit to carry a concealed pistol or revolver. Current law mandates such issuance. Judiciary

S-746 MUNICIPAL WATER METER REPLACEMENT (Walaska) This act would relieve municipalities and water districts from the requirement of hiring only licensed plumbers to replace water meters. Labor

S-800 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: OFF-PREMISE CONSUMPTION (DiPalma & Others) This act would allow the holder of a manufacturer's license to sell certain levels of distilled spirits and malt beverages at the licensed place of the manufacturer to visitors for off-premise consumption only in conjunction with a tour and/or tasting. Special Legislation

S-847 HUNTING LICENSES (Doyle) This act would exempt persons seeking a license to hunt by bow and arrow with an archer's permit from the provision that provides for disqualification if there has been a conviction of a crime of violence or if the person is a fugitive from justice. Environment & Agriculture

PLANNING & ZONING

H-5267 BAYS, RIVERS, AND WATERSHEDS (Chippendale & Others) This act would repeal the provision of the general laws requiring cities/towns to amend their comprehensive plans to conform with the state guide plan for bays, rivers, and watersheds. Municipal Government

H-5321 TOLLING OF EXPIRATION PERIODS (Gallison & Others) This act would extend the tolling of expiration periods from June 30, 2011, to June 30, 2013, as to any approval or permit in effect on November 9, 2009, and those issued between November 9, 2009, and June 30, 2013, and would not revive any expired approval or permit. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5372 ZONING ORDINANCES (O'Grady & Others) This act would amend the definition of "overlay district" under the general law chapter entitled "Zoning Ordinances" (45-24). Municipal Government

H-5380 COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT (Winfield & Petrarca) This act would amend the Rhode Island Comprehensive Planning and Land Use Act" by: setting a standard 20 year planning time frame; eliminating the requirement for 5 year updates; requiring plans to be replaced or readopted every 10 years; standardizing the maps needed for a comprehensive plan; planning for sea-level rise and other natural hazards; eliminating the non-functional Comprehensive Plan Appeals Board; and providing a one-time 12 month moratorium in order to allow time to revise zoning to conform to a newly adopted plan. Municipal Government

H-5389 TOLLING OF EXPIRATION PERIODS (San Bento & Others) This act would extend the tolling of expiration periods from June 30, 2011, to June 30, 2013, as to any approval or permit in effect on November 9, 2009, and those issued between November 9, 2009, and June 30, 2013, and would not revive any expired approval or permit. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5546 TOLLING OF EXPIRATION PERIODS (McCauley) This act would extend the tolling of expiration periods from June 30, 2011, to June 30, 2013, as to any approval or permit in effect on November 9, 2009, and those issued between November 9, 2009, and June 30, 2013, and would not revive any expired approval or permit. Municipal Government

H-5553 ZONING ORDINANCES (Coderre) This act would amend the definition of "overlay district" under the general law chapter entitled "Zoning Ordinances" (45-24). Municipal Government

H-5554 ZONING ORDINANCES (San Bento & Others) This act would amend various sections of Chapter 45-24 entitled "Zoning Ordinances". Several definitions are added including "buildable land", "conservation development", "steep slope" and "yield plan", and the definition of "lot areas" would be expanded upon. It also would address other areas such as preservation of contiguous open space and discouragement of various types of sprawl. Municipal Government

H-5555 TOLLING OF EXPIRATION PERIODS (San Bento & Others) This act would extend the tolling of expiration periods from June 30, 2011, to June 30, 2013, as to any approval or permit in effect on November 9, 2009, and those issued between November 9, 2009, and June 30, 2013, and would not revive any expired approval or permit. Municipal Government

H-5581 RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES (Ehrhardt & Others) This act would provide that no state guide plan or amendment thereto concerning standards and guidelines for the location of eligible renewable energy resources and renewable energy facilities would take effect unless approved by a joint resolution of the general assembly. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5707 ZONING ORDINANCES: PLANT AGRICULTURE (Naughton & Others) This act would add plant agriculture as a permitted use within all residential zoning use districts, and all industrial and commercial zoning use districts except where residential use is prohibited. Municipal Government

H-5822 SMALL WIND ENERGY SYSTEMS (Carnevale & Others) This act would allow the installation of small wind energy systems subject to regulations and standards. It would mandate specific provisions for municipal zoning ordinances, create a system of fees including the requirement that a permit be obtained, and make the system subject to a structural and electrical inspection by a local official. Municipal Government

S-21Aaa COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT (Tassoni & Others) This act would amend the "Rhode Island Comprehensive Planning and Land Use Act" by: setting a standard 20-year planning time frame; eliminating the requirement for 5 year updates; requiring plans to be replaced or readopted every 10 years; standardizing the maps needed for a comprehensive plan; planning for sea-level rise and other natural hazards; eliminating the non-functional Comprehensive Plan Appeals Board; and providing a one-time 12 month moratorium in order to allow time to revise zoning to conform to a newly adopted plan. Housing & Municipal Government

S-158 ZONING: PERMITTED USES (Sosnowski & Miller) This act would add plant agriculture as a permitted use within all residential zoning use districts of a municipality and all industrial and commercial zoning use districts except where residential use is prohibited for public health or safety reasons. Housing & Municipal Government

S-208 TOLLING OF EXPIRATION PERIODS (Tassoni & Others) This act would extend the tolling of expiration periods from June 30, 2011, to June 30, 2013, as to any approval or permit issued by the state or local agencies. Housing & Municipal Government

S-283 LAND USE GOALS (Sheehan & Others) This act would clarify that the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation and its subsidiaries must conform to applicable provisions of the state guide plan, and if the project is situated on federal land it must conform substantially to the land use goals of the applicable comprehensive plan. Corporations

S-306 ZONING ORDINANCES (Crowley & Others) This act would amend the definition of "overlay district" under the general law chapter entitled "Zoning Ordinances" (45-24). Housing & Municipal Government

S-533 ZONING ORDINANCES (McCaffrey) This act would amend various sections of Chapter 45-24 entitled "Zoning Ordinances". Several definitions are added including "buildable land", "conservation development", "steep slope" and "yield plan", and the definition of "lot areas" would be expanded upon. It also would address other areas such as preservation of contiguous open space and discouragement of various types of sprawl. Housing & Municipal Government

S-550 TOLLING OF EXPIRATION PERIODS (McCaffrey) This act would extend the tolling of expiration periods from June 30, 2011 to June 30, 2013, as to any approval or permit in effect on November 9, 2009, and those issued between November 9, 2009, and June 30, 2013, and would not revive any expired approval or permit. Housing & Municipal Government

S-773 LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Fogarty & Others) This act would allow mobile and manufactured homes which are part of a mobile and manufactured home park to be counted as low and moderate income housing for purposes of compliance with the requirements of the city/town comprehensive land use plan. Housing & Municipal Government

PUBLIC SAFETY (POLICE & FIRE)

H-5016 TRESPASSING ON UTILITY PROPERTY (Corvese) This act would make it a felony to trespass upon the property of a utility after being forbidden to do so, and would set punishments of a term of imprisonment of not more than 3 years or a fine not exceeding \$1,500.00, or both. Judiciary

H-5017Aaa BLUE ALERT SYSTEM (Walsh & Others) This act would establish a "Blue Alert" system to assist in the apprehension of criminal suspects who are involved in the murder or serious injury of law enforcement personnel. Judiciary

H-5028 ASSAULT UPON A PREGNANT WOMAN (Brien & Others) This act would make assault upon a pregnant woman causing her to suffer a miscarriage or stillbirth punishable by up to 30 years imprisonment, and if the fetus is determined to be 12 weeks or older punishable by life in prison. Judiciary

H-5029 UNBORN VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE ACT (Brien & Others) This act, known as the "Unborn Victims of Violence Act", would delineate crimes and impose penalties for violence to an unborn child. Judiciary

H-5031 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES – MARIJUANA (Edwards & Others) This act would decriminalize the possession of less than 1 oz. of marijuana, and impose a civil penalty of \$150.00. Judiciary

H-5033 HOMICIDE (DaSilva & Others) This act would enhance the penalty for a person convicted of first-degree murder of a state or municipal elected official to one of life imprisonment. Judiciary

H-5034 ASSAULTS OF ELECTED OFFICIALS (DaSilva & Others) This act would make it a felony to assault any official elected to town, city, legislative or state office. Judiciary

H-5066 UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES (Corvese & Others) This act would add the hallucinogenic drugs Salvia Divinorum (Salvinorin A or Divinorin A), Datura stramonium (gypsum weed or jimson weed) and synthetic cannabinoids (synthetic marijuana) to the "Uniform Controlled Substances Act", Schedule I. Judiciary

H-5073A FORFEITURE OF PROPERTY AND MONEY (Gallison & Others) This act would allow the Rhode Island National Guard to participate in the forfeiture of money and assets seized through counterdrug operations in which members of the National Guard support federal, state or municipal efforts. Veterans' Affairs

H-5079 USE OF PEACE OFFICERS (Gallison & Others) This act would require any company transporting liquefied natural gas on the waterways of the state to have peace officers on board, and expressly prohibits the use of private security personnel for the protection and enforcement of safety and security zones established by the U.S. Coast Guard. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5087A ASSAULTS (DaSilva & Others) This act adds a new section to the general laws specifically establishing and defining what constitutes the crime of felony assault – strangulation. Judiciary

H-5090 IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS (Ajello & Others) This act would extend the life of the Improvement of Lineup Procedures Task Force, by adding several duties requiring the issuance of a supplemental report by April 30, 2012. Judiciary

H-5092 IMMIGRATION STATUS (Reilly & Others) This act would require the division of sheriffs within the Department of Administration to verify the immigration status of each incarcerated person presented to the courts for any hearing related to a criminal matter. Judiciary

H-5093 INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS (Martin & Others) This act would allow law enforcement and the Attorney General administrative subpoena power to obtain information from "Internet service providers" relative to the distribution or storage of child pornography as well as the exploitation of children or online child enticement. Judiciary

H-5094aa SEXTING (Martin & Others) This act would prohibit the use of a computer or other telecommunication device by a minor to transmit an indecent visual depiction of himself/herself to another person, which is commonly known as "sexting". Judiciary

H-5095 STATEWIDE 24/7 SOBRIETY PROGRAM (McNamara) This act would create a Statewide 24/7 Sobriety Program to be administered by the Office of Attorney General. The program is designed to coordinate efforts among various state/local entities for implementing alternatives to incarceration for certain driving under the influence offenses. Judiciary

H-5096 PEDESTRIANS AND BICYCLES (McNamara) This act would require that motor vehicle operators who overtake a bicycle or other human-powered vehicle to do so at a safe distance of not less than 3 feet. Judiciary

H-5103 FIRE DEPARTMENTS: NFPA 1500 (Gallison & Others) This act would amend the process by which fire departments implement the requirements of NFPA 1500. It also would amend the composition of the NFPA 1500 Implementation Plan Review Committee. Municipal Government

H-5121 WEAPONS (Walsh & Others) This act would prohibit cities/towns from providing the name, address or date of birth of any person who has applied for a license or permit to carry a concealed pistol or revolver. Judiciary

H-5122 MANDATORY COURT APPEARANCES (Walsh & Others) This act would require anyone who receives a third summons within a 12 month period for certain traffic offenses to appear in court (applies also to municipal courts) rather than disposing of the charge by mail. Judiciary

H-5124 UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES (McCauley & Others) This act would add libraries to the list of places which trigger enhanced criminal penalties for persons who are convicted of distributing or manufacturing controlled substances on or within 300 yards of such property. Judiciary

H-5125 FETAL PROTECTION ACT (Edwards & Others) This act would establish the "Fetal Protection Act" which would define and impose penalties for violence to an unborn child. Judiciary

H-5129 SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION (Palumbo & Others) This act would repeal the current "Sexual Offender Registration and Community Notification Act" – Chapter 11-37.1 of the general laws, and replace it with a newer version – Chapter 11-37.3. This version would contain provisions concerning registration requirements, including timing of registration, required information, tiered offenses, duration of registration and frequency of verification. Judiciary

H-5130 MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Flaherty & Others) This act would limit the number of chemical tests that can be administered by a law enforcement officer to a driver suspected of driving under the influence. The change allows either one complete test for the presence of intoxicating liquor or one for the presence of a controlled substance. Judiciary

H-5132 DNA DETECTION (Kennedy & Others) This act would require the collection of DNA samples of any person arrested for a crime of violence as defined in this act. The samples would be included in the Rhode Island DNA database. The DNA information would be expunged and destroyed under the circumstances specified in extensive additional language added to section 12-1.5-13 entitled "Expungement". Judiciary

H-5191 PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS (Costa & Others) This act would relieve municipalities of the requirement of deducting and retaining from the price of construction contracts an additional sum to pay the costs of municipal police traffic control on any public works project. Municipal Government

H-5212 TOBACCO PRODUCTS: MINORS (Diaz & Others) This act would add various specified types of cigars, cigarette rolling papers, cigarillos and tiparillos to the list of tobacco products that restricts purchase by or sale to persons under 18 years of age. H.E.W.

H-5254 CLASS N NIGHTCLUB LICENSE (Hearn & Others) This act would eliminate underage nights at nightclubs in which alcoholic beverages are served by not allowing patrons under the age of 21 on the premises. Judiciary

H-5263 RACIAL PROFILING PREVENTION (Diaz & Others) This act would amend the law banning racial profiling in traffic stops by state and municipal law enforcement agencies by fine tuning the system requiring law enforcement agencies to collect data and complete regular reports of findings and statistics regarding traffic stops. It also would add a new provision to Chapter 14-1 of the general laws ("Proceedings in Family Court") governing the search of juveniles without a warrant. Judiciary

H-5264 CYBERSTALKING (Coderre & Others) This act would add the crimes of cyberstalking and cyberharassment pursuant to section 11-52-4.2 of the general laws to the list of crimes that constitute domestic violence under the "Domestic Violence Prevention Act". Judiciary

H-5287 HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEANUP (Walsh & Others) This act would exempt from liability a person who provides assistance or advice either in mitigating the effects of an accidental or threatened discharge of hazardous materials, or in preventing, cleaning up or disposing of the discharge. This exemption is made specifically applicable to city/town fire departments, fire districts, volunteer fire associations and their hazardous materials and/or decontamination teams. Judiciary

H-5289 PURCHASE AND SALE OF TOOLS AND ELECTRONICS (Nunes & Others) This act would require any person engaged in the business of buying or selling tools or electronic equipment readily identifiable with a serial number to obtain a license from the Attorney General. Licensees are required to maintain a record of all transactions concerning tools and electronics which must be provided to the chief of police on a weekly basis. Local chiefs of police would be responsible to monitor for stolen goods. Judiciary

H-5294 CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS (Nunes & Others) This act would authorize local police departments to perform state criminal background checks free of charge for any person seeking to work with children in a civic, religious, or youth organization. Judiciary

H-5295 RHODE ISLAND CORRECTIONAL CONSERVATION CORPS (McNamara & Others) This act would authorize the director of the Department of Corrections to enter into agreements with public agencies, whether state, local or federal, which would supply inmates to perform labor on public conservation projects. Labor

H-5300 DISABILITY PARKING ENFORCEMENT (Jacquard & Williams) This act would repeal the requirement that city/town police departments and various state entities must submit a report concerning disability parking enforcement to the Governor's Commission on Disabilities. Municipal Government

H-5308 CRISIS RESPONSE SERVICES (DaSilva & Others) This act would establish a testimonial privilege for members of critical incident stress management teams or peer support groups which would apply to communications occurring in the course of duty while providing crisis response services. Judiciary

H-5333 SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT (Phillips & Others) This act would make mandatory the use of flashing lights on snowplows and snow removal equipment when engaged in snow removal only. H.E.W.

H-5338 EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN PLATES (Reilly & Others) This act would allow a licensed emergency medical technician to obtain a special license plate from the Division of Motor Vehicles. Judiciary

H-5343 HIGH SPEED PURSUITS (Reilly & Others) This act would eliminate the requirement that police officers submit written reports to be kept on file whenever a high speed pursuit occurs. Judiciary

- H-5344 HIGH SPEED PURSUITS** (Reilly & Others) This act would eliminate the requirement that police departments submit a copy of their high speed pursuit policies to the Attorney General. Judiciary
- H-5354 WEAPONS** (Carnevale & Chippendale) This act would exempt persons issued a license to carry a pistol or revolver by the Attorney General, which includes retired members of city/town police forces, from the 7 day waiting period for purchase of a pistol or revolver, and the completion of a basic pistol/revolver safety course. Judiciary
- H-5357 REFUSAL TO SUBMIT TO CHEMICAL TEST** (Menard & Baldelli-Hunt) This act would authorize a bail commissioner to order that a person's license to drive be suspended immediately upon the report of a law enforcement officer that the person has refused a chemical test for driving under the influence. Judiciary
- H-5361 DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF LIQUOR OR DRUGS** (Menard & Baldelli-Hunt) This act would require a bail commissioner, a traffic tribunal magistrate, or a district court judge to immediately suspend a person's license to drive upon that person being charged with driving under the influence of liquor or drugs. Judiciary
- H-5366A ELECTRONIC RECORDING OF INTERROGATIONS** (Walsh & Others) This act would create a task force to investigate and develop policies and procedures for electronically recording custodial interrogations in their entirety. Judiciary
- H-5379 SCHOOL BUS ROUTES** (Reilly & Others) This act would eliminate the requirement that the local police chief of each city/town review all school bus routes for safety hazards within 90 days of the start of each school year. Municipal Government
- H-5401 MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA** (Carnevale & Others) This act would make various changes to the "Medical Marijuana Act" including the provisions that effective January 1, 2013, the cultivation and dispensing of medical marijuana would only be authorized by compassion centers, and removing the ability of the Department of Health to grant waivers for caregivers who have a felony drug conviction. H.E.W.
- H-5403 UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES** (Gallison & Others) This act would add Methylone, MDPV, Mephedrone and other compounds commonly known and marketed as "bath salts" to the "Uniform Controlled Substances Act", Schedule I. H.E.W.
- H-5407 SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS** (Palumbo & Others) This act would create the "In Support of Our Law Enforcement and Safe Neighborhoods Act" which would authorize and empower state and local law enforcement to work together with federal authorities to discourage and deter the unlawful entry and presence of aliens, and economic activity by persons unlawfully in the United States. Judiciary

H-5444 SAFETY BELT USE (Mattiello & Others) This act would provide that the failure of adult operators of motor vehicles either to wear safety belts or to ensure that their adult passengers are wearing safety belts would constitute a primary, rather than a secondary offense. Judiciary

H-5449 SAFETY BELT USE (Williams & Others) This act would provide that the failure of adult operators of motor vehicles either to wear safety belts or to ensure that their adult passengers are wearing safety belts would constitute a primary, rather than a secondary offense. The act also includes constitutional safeguards that must be met in its enforcement. Judiciary

H-5461 BACKGROUND CHECKS (Keable & Newberry) This act would authorize any municipal recreation department to request a background check from its local police department for any employee or volunteer serving its community. Municipal Government

H-5504 CRIMES AGAINST PUBLIC TRUST (Walsh & Others) This act would create a new chapter within Title 11 entitled "Government Integrity and Public Accountability Act of 2011" that punishes the theft of honest services. This act would also extend the statute of limitations to 10 years for violations of this new chapter, and section 11-41-27 – "Wrongful Conversion by Officer or State or Municipal Employee". Judiciary

H-5506 IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM (Walsh & Others) This act would prohibit persons convicted of various driving offenses involving drugs or alcohol from operating a motor vehicle that is not equipped with an approved ignition interlock system. Judiciary

H-5514 SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION (Lima & Others) This act would add language to make it a felony for a registered sex offender to knowingly reside on any public or private thoroughfare which is a major school bus route, Judiciary

H-5524 WEAPONS: CROSSBOWS (Chippendale & Others) This act would specifically exclude a crossbow from the definition of a "firearm" in section 11-47-2 of the general laws regulating weapons. Judiciary

H-5591 TAXATION AND REGULATION OF MARIJUANA (Ajello & Others) This act would decriminalize the possession and use of marijuana by persons age 21 and older. It also would create a new chapter of the general laws entitled "Retailer Registration and the Regulation of Marijuana Act". This chapter would address such issues as retailer registration, and the establishment of an excise tax to be collected and remitted at the state level. Finance

H-5613 ADULT CRISIS INTERVENTION (Naughton & Others) This act would establish an adult crisis intervention center for vulnerable elders and adults with disabilities within the Office of Health and Human Services. It would create a new method for how assaults, abuse, neglect and exploitation are reported by local police departments. Finance

H-5642 RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE FRAUD (Serpa) This act would define what constitutes the crime of residential mortgage fraud, and establishes penalties for its commission. It also would extend the statute of limitations to 10 years on a variety of crimes. Judiciary

H-5644 CRIMES AGAINST THE PUBLIC TRUST (Marcello & Others) This act would create a new Chapter 11-69 entitled "Crimes Against the Public Trust" which defines specific criminal offenses which violate the public trust or constitute the theft of honest services. It also would codify a public corruption and white collar crime unit within the Department of Attorney General. The act also would extend the statute of limitations to 10 years for violations of this new chapter and section 11-41-27 – "Wrongful Conversion by Officer or State or Municipal Employee". Finance

H-5650 GOOD SAMARITAN OVERDOSE PREVENTION ACT (Ferri & Others) This act would create "The Good Samaritan Overdose Prevention Act" which would exempt from liability any person who administers an opioid antagonist to another person who is experiencing a drug overdose. Judiciary

H-5671 WEAPONS (Hull & Others) This act would make simple possession of ammunition and/or firearms by a minor unlawful, unless the minor holds a valid permit and is in the presence of a parent, guardian, or supervising adult. Judiciary

H-5685 WEAPONS (Costa & Others) This act would provide that no gun shop licensee would be required to maintain an outside lockbox or other receptacle containing a key to the premises. Judiciary

H-5688 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (Jacquard & Others) This act would establish as felonies the motor vehicle offenses of furnishing or procuring alcoholic beverages and/or controlled substances for underage persons resulting in death or serious bodily injury. It also would make it unlawful for 'any' person to furnish or procure alcoholic beverages for an underage person by amending the current language that the violator be 21 years of age or older. Judiciary

H-5692A ARREST AFTER CLOSE PURSUIT (Gallison & Others) This act would change the word "arrest" to "stop" to describe the action a police officer takes when crossing from one city/town to another city/town when in close pursuit for a suspected violation of any provision of the motor vehicle code. Judiciary

H-5702 LINE OF DUTY ILLNESS OR INJURY (Brien & Others) This act would make public safety employees of any city, town or fire district who are injured on duty subject to the workers' compensation provisions of the general laws for all case management procedures and the dispute resolution of all benefits. Labor

H-5744 OIL SPILL RESPONSE FUND (Hull & Others) This act would require the director of the "Oil Spill Prevention, Administration, and Response Fund" to appropriate monies to obtain a firefighting foam simulator and other specified items necessary to provide for statewide firefighter training for flammable liquid fires. Finance

H-5749 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR UNDERAGE PERSONS (Malik) This act would alter the penalties for persons under 21 years of age who are convicted of procuring alcohol for underage persons. This act also would limit the exemption for parents and guardians procuring alcohol for a minor child or ward by not applying it if the procurement occurs in an establishment licensed to sell or serve alcoholic beverages. Judiciary

H-5807 PURCHASE AND SALE OF TOOLS AND ELECTRONICS (O'Neill & Others) This act would require any person engaged in the business of buying or selling tools or electronic equipment readily identifiable with a serial number to obtain a license from the Attorney General. Licensees are required to maintain a record of all transactions concerning tools and electronics which must be provided to the chief of police on a weekly basis. Local chiefs of police would be responsible to monitor for stolen goods. Judiciary

H-5808 COMPUTER CRIME (Martin & Carnevale) This act would create various criminal offenses relating to Internet activity, including unauthorized access to confidential information, cyberstalking and cyberharassment, online impersonation, and electronic dissemination of indecent material. Judiciary

H-5815 CHILD ABUSE: BRENDAN'S LAW (Tanzi & Others) This act would amend the definition of second degree child abuse by eliminating the word "serious" as it pertains to physical injury. Judiciary

H-5833 NATURAL GAS EMERGENCIES (Handy & Others) This act would require that all natural gas emergencies be reported to a dispatch office located in Rhode Island staffed by professionally trained gas dispatchers. Corporations

H-5862 ENERGY DRINKS (Tarro & Others) This act would make it a crime to sell energy drinks containing taurine and glucuronolactone to children under the age of 18. H.E.W.

H-5865 VULNERABLE USER OF A PUBLIC WAY (McNamara) This act would make it a felony to severely injure or cause the death of a "vulnerable user" of a public way while operating a motor vehicle recklessly. "Vulnerable user" is defined to include pedestrians, bicyclists, skateboarders, and highway workers, etc. Judiciary

H-5866 REASONABLE FORCE (MacBeth & Others) This act would permit law enforcement officers, who have reasonable suspicion that the person operated a vehicle which was involved in an accident resulting in death or serious bodily injury, to use reasonable force in requiring the person to submit to a test of bodily fluids. Judiciary

H-5870 TEXT MESSAGING (Lima) This act would provide for additional penalties for persons found guilty of texting while driving, which penalties include the mandatory installation in the vehicle of a device that prevents text messaging and cell phone calls. Judiciary

H-5873 SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM (MacBeth & Others) This act would require the participation of all cities/towns, without exception, in the secure communities program as authorized by the "Immigration and Nationality Act". Judiciary

H-5877 WEAPONS (McLaughlin & Others) This act would prohibit the sale of various prohibited weapons other than firearms at a street market or "flea market". Judiciary

H-5905 ALCOHOL RELATED MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Lima) This act would bar checkpoints as a means to detect motorists who may be under the influence. Judiciary

H-5920 AUTOMATED TRAFFIC SPEED ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS (McCauley) This act would authorize municipalities to operate a system to issue speeding violations using automated traffic speed enforcement. Judiciary

H-5948 FIRE HYDRANT RENTAL FEES (O'Neill & Others) This act would prevent the Public Utilities Commission from requiring the payment of rental fees for fire hydrants from any city/town that has prohibited these fees by enactment of an ordinance. Municipal Government

H-5949 MASTER FIRE ALARM BOX CHARGES (Ajello) This act would authorize cities/towns to enact ordinances to assess users of fire alarm master box systems of fire departments a reasonable charge for such usage. Municipal Government

H-6018 ASSAULT WITH VICIOUS DOG (Gallison & Morrison) This act would make the owner of a vicious dog that attacks any person or domestic animal guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine. Municipal Government

H-6041A ASSAULT OF POLICE OFFICERS (Carnevale) This act would add constables to that group of individuals who, if assaulted, it would constitute a felony. Judiciary

H-6099 SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION (Baldelli-Hunt & Others) This act would require local police departments to post for public release identifying information of level two and three sex offenders on their websites. It also would allow for signage to be posted on a public sidewalk or way alerting that a sex offender resides in the area. Judiciary

H-6119 NEXT-OF-KIN IDENTIFICATION (Baldelli-Hunt & Others) This act would establish a "next-of-kin identification registry program" within the Division of Motor Vehicles, which allows holders of a Rhode Island driver's license or working identification card to submit via the internet the name and telephone number of up to 3 emergency contact persons. It would provide access to this information for use by law enforcement officials when a motor vehicle accident results in the serious bodily injury, death, or incapacitation of a driver or passenger. Judiciary

- H-6147 INSPECTION OF VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS** (Corvese & Others) This act amends the vehicle inspection requirement when an application for first certificate of title is processed. The designees of the chiefs of police must be employees of the police department under the performance of the inspection provision, and the inspection must be conducted at the local city/town police station or at a municipally owned building. Municipal Government
- H-6224 FORGERY OR COUNTERFEITING OF REGISTRATION PLATES** (Reilly & Others) This act would create a misdemeanor offense for persons who forge or counterfeit registration plates or knowingly possess any forged or counterfeited registration plate or card. Judiciary
- H-6282 PROVISION OF FIRE SERVICE** (Trillo & Others) This resolution would create a special house commission to study the provision of fire service which study includes the impact of collective bargaining agreements on operation and costs, effect of merger or consolidation, and the effect of bifurcation of functions within a fire department. Municipal Government
- H-6307 NFPA 1500** (Gallison & Others) This joint resolution would create a special legislative commission to be known as the NFPA 1500 Implementation Plan Review Commission which purpose it would be to perform a comprehensive study of the compliance of fire stations to the occupational safety and health program standards for fire service. House Calendar
- S-11 FORFEITURE OF PROPERTY AND MONEY** (Tassoni & Others) This act would allow the Rhode Island National Guard to participate in the forfeiture of money and assets seized through counterdrug operations in which members of the National Guard support federal, state or municipal efforts. Finance
- S-18 PROPERTY HELD BY POLICE DEPARTMENTS** (Fogarty & Others) This act would provide that police departments and local drug control divisions would be allowed to keep confiscated property, and any income derived from such property would be used for police related community functions, to replace stolen property, or for law enforcement purposes. Finance
- S-22 SAFETY BELT USE** (Tassoni & Others) This act would make violation of the safety belt law a primary offense as long as constitutional standards are satisfied. A law enforcement officer may not search a motor vehicle, its contents, the driver, or passengers solely because of a safety belt violation. Judiciary
- S-28 DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE** (Tassoni & Others) This act would make a number of procedural changes to the administration of the driving under the influence statutes, and also increases the penalties for refusing to submit to a chemical test. Judiciary
- S-35 STATE FIRE ACADEMY** (Tassoni & Others) This act would rename the Rhode Island State Fire Academy as "The Rene Coutu State Fire Academy". Special Legislation

S-120Aaa DNA DETECTION (Bates & Others) This act would require the collection of DNA samples of any person arrested for a crime of violence as defined in this act. The samples would be included in the Rhode Island DNA database. The DNA information would be expunged and destroyed under the circumstances specified in extensive additional language added to section 12-1.5-13 entitled "Expungement". Judiciary

S-139 USE OF PEACE OFFICERS (DiPalma & Others) This act would require any company transporting liquefied natural gas on the waterways of the state to have peace officers on board, and expressly prohibits the use of private security personnel for the protection and enforcement of safety and security zones established by the U.S. Coast Guard. Environment & Agriculture

S-141 ANIMAL ABUSER REGISTRY (Tassoni & Others) This act would require an animal abuser to register with the chief of police of the city/town in which the abuser is located. Each chief of police would maintain a local registry of animal abusers for their jurisdiction. Environment & Agriculture

S-160 ANIMAL CONFINEMENT IN MOTOR VEHICLES (Tassoni & Others) This act would make it a misdemeanor for anyone to confine any animal in a motor vehicle in such a manner that places it in a life or health threatening situation by exposure to a prolonged period of extreme heat or cold. It would allow law enforcement and animal control officers to take all necessary actions to remove the confined animal from danger. Judiciary

S-161 CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION (Metts & Others) This act would allow a person convicted of a crime to petition the court for the issuance of a "certificate of rehabilitation". This certificate would enable those who have successfully completed their court imposed sentences to more easily gain reentry into society. Judiciary

S-168 FIREFIGHTER PLATES (Felag) This act would allow special motor vehicle registration plates for firefighters to be issued for trucks that are owned by an individual firefighter, and are not used for business/commercial purposes. Special Legislation

S-186 HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEANUP (Algiere & Others) This act would exempt from liability a person who provides assistance or advice either in mitigating the effects of an accidental or threatened discharge of hazardous materials, or in preventing, cleaning up or disposing of the discharge. This exemption is made specifically applicable to city/town fire departments, fire districts, volunteer fire associations and their hazardous materials and/or decontamination teams. Environment & Agriculture

S-204 MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA (Ciccone & Others) This act would make various changes to the "Medical Marijuana Act" including the provisions that effective January 1, 2013, the cultivation and dispensing of medical marijuana would only be authorized for compassion centers, and removing the ability of the Department of Health to grant waivers for caregivers who have a felony drug conviction. Health & Human Services

S-207 DISABILITY PARKING ENFORCEMENT (Algiere & Others) This act would repeal the requirement that city/town police departments and various state entities must submit a report concerning disability parking enforcement to the Governor's Commission on Disabilities. Housing & Municipal Government

S-211 ARREST AFTER CLOSE PURSUIT (Hodgson & Others) This act would change the word "arrest" to "stop" to describe the action a police officer takes when crossing from one city/town into another city/town when in close pursuit. Judiciary

S-217 ASSAULTS (DeVall & Others) This act provides that choking or strangling another person would be a felony assault, whether or not serious bodily injury results. Judiciary

S-218A IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS (Metts & Others) This act would extend the life of the Improvement of Lineup Procedures Task Force, by adding several duties requiring the issuance of a supplemental report by April 30, 2012. Judiciary

S-219 RACIAL PROFILING PREVENTION (Perry & Others) This act would amend the law banning racial profiling in traffic stops by state and municipal law enforcement agencies by fine tuning the system requiring law enforcement agencies to collect data and complete regular reports of findings and statistics regarding traffic stops. It also would add a new provision to Chapter 14-1 of the general laws ("Proceedings in Family Court") governing the search of juveniles without a warrant. Judiciary

S-222 CRISIS RESPONSE SERVICES (Lanzi & Others) This act would create a testimonial privilege for members of critical incident stress management teams or peer support groups which would apply to communications occurring in the course of duty while providing crisis response services. Judiciary

S-240 SECONDHAND SMOKE (Sosnowski & Others) This act would create "The Rhode Island Protection From Secondhand Smoke For Children Act Of 2011" that prohibits smoking in any vehicle in which a child is required to be restrained in a child passenger safety seat. Judiciary

S-242 MOBILE TELEPHONE USE (Sosnowski & Others) This act would make it unlawful to operate a motor vehicle while using a hand-held mobile telephone to engage in a call while the vehicle is in motion. Judiciary

S-246 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR UNDERAGE PERSONS (Sosnowski & Others) This act would alter the penalties for persons under 21 years of age who are convicted of procuring alcohol for underage persons. This act also would limit the exemption for parents and guardians procuring alcohol for a minor child or ward by not applying it if the procurement occurs in an establishment licensed to sell or serve alcoholic beverages. Judiciary

S-267 RIGHTS OF NURSING HOME PATIENTS (Lanzi & Others) This act would require that all allegations of physical and/or sexual assault of a nursing home patient be reported to the local law enforcement agency within 24 hours. Health & Human Services

S-270 MARIJUANA POLICY ACT (Miller & Others) This act would decriminalize possession of one ounce or less of marijuana with penalties varying according to the age of the offender, and frequency of commission of the offense. One-half of the fines collected by cities/towns must be expended on drug awareness and treatment programs for youth. Judiciary

S-304 ADULT CRISIS INTERVENTION (McCaffrey & Lynch) This act would establish an adult crisis intervention center for vulnerable elders and adults with disabilities within the Office of Health and Human Services. It would create a new method for how assaults, abuse, neglect and exploitation are reported by local police departments. Health & Human Services

S-331A ELECTRONIC RECORDING OF INTERROGATIONS (Jabour & Others) This act would create a task force to investigate and develop policies and procedures for electronically recording custodial interrogations in their entirety. Judiciary

S-334 CYBERSTALKING (Goodwin & Others) This act would add the crimes of cyberstalking and cyberharassment pursuant to section 11-52-4.2 of the general laws to the list of crimes that constitute domestic violence under the "Domestic Violence Prevention Act". Judiciary

S-337 ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION (Maher & Others) This act would require all state and local law enforcement agencies to take steps to support the enforcement of federal immigration laws by determining the immigration status of all non-citizens taken into custody or under investigation, and notifying federal authorities of all illegal immigrants discovered. Judiciary

S-346 MOBILE TELEPHONE USE (Lombardo & Others) This act would make it unlawful to operate a motor vehicle while using a hand-held mobile telephone to engage in a call while the vehicle is in motion. Judiciary

S-347 IMMIGRANT ASSISTANCE IN CRIME FIGHTING (Pichardo & Others) This act would establish the "Immigrant Assistance in Crime Fighting Act" to promote the safety and health of all residents by making it more likely that immigrants will report violations of state and local law by prohibiting law enforcement agencies from inquiring into the immigration status of the complainant or witness. Judiciary

S-487 EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN PLATES (Maher & Ottiano) This act would allow a licensed emergency medical technician to obtain a special license plate from the Division of Motor Vehicles. Special Legislation

S-537 MASTER FIRE ALARM BOX CHARGES (Pichardo & Others) This act would authorize cities/towns to enact ordinances to assess users of fire alarm master box systems of fire departments a reasonable charge for such usage. Housing & Municipal Government

S-542 FIRE DEPARTMENTS: NFPA 1500 (Lanzi & Others) This act would amend the process by which fire departments implement the requirements of NFPA 1500. It also would amend the composition of the NFPA 1500 Implementation Plan Review Committee. Housing & Municipal Government

S-601 OIL SPILL RESPONSE FUND (Jabour & Others) This act would require the director of the "Oil Spill Prevention, Administration, and Response Fund" to appropriate monies to obtain a firefighting foam simulator and other specified items necessary to provide for statewide firefighter training for flammable liquid fires. Finance

S-615 FIRE HYDRANT RENTAL FEES (Metts & Others) This act would prevent the Public Utilities Commission from requiring the payment of rental fees for fire hydrants from any city/town that has prohibited these fees by enactment of an ordinance. Finance

S-630 GOOD SAMARITAN OVERDOSE PREVENTION ACT (Perry & Others) This act would create "The Good Samaritan Overdose Prevention Act" which would exempt from liability any person who administers an opioid antagonist to another person who is experiencing a drug overdose. Judiciary

S-632 SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM (Moura & Others) This act would require the participation of all cities/towns, without exception, in the secure communities program as authorized by the "Immigration and Nationality Act". Judiciary

S-636 OFFICE OF GANG AND YOUTH VIOLENCE (Pichardo & Others) This act would create an Office of Gang and Youth Violence within the Department of Attorney General, among its duties would be the responsibility of identifying and evaluating state, local, and federal gang and youth violence suppression, intervention, and prevention programs and strategies. Judiciary

S-641 REFUSAL TO SUBMIT TO CHEMICAL TEST (Tassoni & Others) This act would impose a period of probation in specified instances of refusal to submit to a chemical test with enhanced conditions of probation which include abstaining from alcohol and wearing a continuous alcohol monitoring device. Judiciary

S-644 POSSESSION OF BEVERAGE BY UNDERAGE PERSONS (Goodwin) This act would provide that, when a law enforcement officer has reason to believe that an underage individual is under the influence of alcohol, the officer may require the person to immediately submit to a preliminary breath analysis to determine blood alcohol content. Judiciary

S-646 WEAPONS: CROSSBOWS (Maher & Others) This act would specifically exclude a crossbow from the definition of a "firearm" in section 11-47-2 of the general laws regulating weapons. Judiciary

S-653 CRISIS RESPONSE SERVICES (Lanzi & Others) This act would establish a testimonial privilege for members of critical incident stress management teams or peer support groups which would apply to communications occurring in the course of duty while providing crisis response services. Judiciary

S-664 PURCHASE AND SALE OF TOOLS AND ELECTRONICS (Pinga) This act would require any person engaged in the business of buying or selling tools or electronic equipment readily identifiable with a serial number to obtain a license from the Attorney General. Licensees are required to maintain a record of all transactions concerning tools and electronics which must be provided to the chief of police on a weekly basis. Local chiefs of police would be responsible to monitor for stolen goods. Judiciary

S-665 CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS (Pinga) This act would authorize local police departments to perform state criminal background checks free of charge for any person seeking to work with children in a civic, religious or youth organization. Judiciary

S-666 TOBACCO PRODUCTS: MINORS (Metts & Others) This act would add various specified types of cigars, cigarette rolling papers, cigarillos and tiparillos to the list of tobacco products that restricts purchase by or sale to persons under 18 years of age. Judiciary

S-667 E.M.T. SERVICES (Maher & Ottiano) This act would provide that peer review board proceedings and meetings held by emergency medical technicians for the purpose of analyzing procedures and delivery of services be confidential and exempt from discovery or admissibility as evidence in any case. Judiciary

S-669 "FRANK'S LAW" (Sosnowski & Others) This act would create the motor vehicle offense of unsafe passing of a "vulnerable road user". "Vulnerable road user" is defined to include pedestrians, bicyclists, police officers or emergency responders, highway workers, skateboarders and wheelchair operators. Judiciary

S-684 WEAPONS (Ciccone & Others) This act would exempt persons issued a license to carry a pistol or revolver by the Attorney General, which includes retired members of city/town police forces, from the 7 day waiting period for purchase of a pistol or revolver, and the completion of a basic pistol/revolver safety course. Judiciary

S-690 BACKGROUND CHECKS (Fogarty) This act would authorize any municipal recreation department to request a background check from its local police department for any employee or volunteer serving its community. Judiciary

S-694 SOLICITATION OF TOWING WORK (Miller) This act would prohibit the solicitation of towing work or auto body work at the scene of an accident resulting in personal injury or property damage until such time as the police investigation at the scene is complete. Judiciary

S-695 SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION (Fogarty) This act would require that all costs associated with mandatory sexual offender notification for those categorized as tier two or tier three offenders which are incurred by local police departments shall be the responsibility of the sexual offender. Judiciary

S-733 COMPUTER CRIME (Lanzi & Others) This act would create criminal offenses relating to Internet activity, including unauthorized access to confidential information, cyberstalking and cyberharassment, online impersonation, and electronic dissemination of indecent material. Judiciary

S-734 IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM (Sosnowski & Others) This act would prohibit persons convicted of various driving offenses involving drugs or alcohol from operating a motor vehicle that is not equipped with an approved ignition interlock system. Judiciary

S-777 POSSESSION OF BEVERAGE BY UNDERAGE PERSONS (Goodwin) This act would provide that, when a law enforcement officer has reason to believe that an underage individual is under the influence of alcohol, the officer may require the person to immediately submit to a preliminary breath analysis to determine blood alcohol content. Judiciary

S-780 SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION (Lanzi & Others) This act would add language to make it a felony for a registered sex offender to knowingly reside on any public or private thoroughfare which is a major school bus route. Judiciary

S-781 INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS (Lanzi & Others) This act would allow the Superintendent of the State Police and the Attorney General administrative subpoena power to obtain information from "Internet service providers" relative to distribution or storage of child pornography as well as the exploitation of children or online child enticement. Judiciary

S-783 TAXATION AND REGULATION OF MARIJUANA (Perry & Others) This act would decriminalize the possession and use of marijuana by persons age 21 and older. It also would create a new chapter of the general laws entitled "Retailer Registration and the Regulation of Marijuana Act". This chapter would address such issues as retailer registration, and the establishment of an excise tax to be collected and remitted at the state level. Judiciary

S-785 UNIFORMED CONTROL SUBSTANCES (Goodwin) This act would add libraries to the list of places which trigger enhanced criminal penalties for persons who are convicted of distributing or manufacturing controlled substances on or within 300 yards of such property. Judiciary

S-817A ASSAULT OF POLICE OFFICERS (Ciccone) This act would add any constable authorized by Chapter 45-16 of the general laws to that group of individuals who if assaulted it would constitute a felony. Judiciary

S-827 CRIMES AGAINST THE PUBLIC TRUST (Ciccone) This act would create a new Chapter 11-69 entitled "Crimes Against the Public Trust" which defines specific criminal offenses which violate the public trust or constitute the theft of honest services. It also would codify a public corruption and white collar crime unit within the Department of Attorney General. The act also would extend the statute of limitations to 10 years for violations of this new chapter and section 11-41-27 – "Wrongful Conversion by Officer or State or Municipal Employee". Judiciary

S-829 CHILD ABUSE: BRENDAN'S LAW (Lanzi & Miller) This act would amend the definition of second degree child abuse by eliminating the word "serious" as it pertains to physical injury. Judiciary

S-831 WEAPONS (Metts) This act would make simple possession of ammunition and/or firearms by a minor unlawful, unless the minor holds a valid permit and is in the presence of a parent, guardian, or supervising adult. Judiciary

S-832 RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE FRAUD (Pichardo) This act would define what constitutes the crime of residential mortgage fraud, and establishes penalties for its commission. It also would extend the statute of limitations to 10 years on a variety of crimes. Judiciary

S-833 SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION (Doyle & Others) This act would repeal the current "Sexual Offender Registration and Community Notification Act" – Chapter 11-37.1 of the general laws, and replace it with a newer version – Chapter 11-37.3. This version would contain provisions concerning registration requirements, including timing of registration, required information, tiered offenses, duration of registration and frequency of verification. Judiciary

S-868 UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES (Tassoni) This act would add Methydone, MDPV, Mephedrone, and other compounds commonly known and marketed as "bath salts" to the "Uniform Controlled Substances Act", Schedule I. Health & Human Services

S-869 UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES (Tassoni) This act would add the hallucinogenic drugs Salvia Divinorum (Salvinorin A or Divinorin A), Datura stramonium (gypsum weed or jimson weed) and synthetic cannabinoids (synthetic marijuana) to the "Uniform Controlled Substances Act", Schedule I. Health & Human Services

S-885 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (Pichardo & Tassoni) This act would add one representative from the Rhode Island Association of Emergency Managers to the Rhode Island Emergency Management Advisory Council. Judiciary

S-891 IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY (Doyle & Others) This act would amend the law granting immunity from liability for administration of CPR or automated external defibrillation in an emergency situation by removing the provision that this immunity would only apply to persons who have been trained according to certain standards. Judiciary

S-967 LINE OF DUTY ILLNESS OR INJURY (DaPonte) This act would make public safety employees of any city, town or fire district who are injured on duty subject to the workers' compensation provisions of the general laws for all case management procedures and the dispute resolution of all benefits. Finance

S-968 INSPECTION OF VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS (Ruggerio & Others) This act amends the vehicle inspection requirement when an application for first certificate of title is processed. The designees of the chiefs of police must be employees of the police department under the performance of the inspection provision, and the inspection must be conducted at the local city/town police station or at a municipally owned building. Housing & Municipal Government

S-1041 FORGERY OR COUNTERFEITING OF REGISTRATION PLATES (Nesselbush) This act would create a misdemeanor offense for persons who forge or counterfeit registration plates or knowingly possess any forged or counterfeited registration plate or card. Judiciary

S-1034 WEAPONS (Picard) This act would make certain changes to the eligibility criteria for a license or permit to carry a weapon, whether visible or concealed, by requiring the applicant to meet the licensing requirements of general law section 11-47-11 entitled "License or permit to carry concealed pistol or revolver". Judiciary

S-1071 AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE (Ruggerio & Others) This act would establish the "Rhode Island Electronic Confirmation and Compliance System". It would require implementation of an electronic automobile liability insurance confirmation system to make vehicle insurance and registration status available to law enforcement for automated query at any time through the " National Law Enforcement Telecommunications Network". Judiciary

S-1080 BLUE ALERT SYSTEM (Doyle) This act would establish a "Blue Alert" system to assist in the apprehension of criminal suspects who are involved in the murder or serious injury of law enforcement personnel. Judiciary

S-1081 NFPA 1500 (Lanzi & Tassoni) This joint resolution would create a special legislative commission to be known as the NFPA 1500 Implementation Plan Review Commission which purpose it would be to perform a comprehensive study of the compliance of fire stations to the occupational safety and health program standards for fire service. Consent Calendar

RETIREMENT

H-5113 MUNICIPAL PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS (Gallison & Others) This act would authorize the General Treasurer to deduct monies due the municipality from the state for any purpose other than for education, if the municipality has failed to contribute 100% of the annual required contribution to its pension plan. Finance

H-5204 POST RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT (Slater & San Bento) This act would allow any member who retired from service under Titles 16, 36, or 45 of the general laws to be employed or reemployed by the Board of Elections. Compensation could not exceed a gross pay of more than \$7,500 in any one calendar year. Finance

H-5416 MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES: COUNCIL MEMBERS (Marcello & Others) This act would prevent city/town council members elected for the first time after November 6, 2012, from participating in the Municipal Employees Retirement System as a result of that elective service. Municipal Government

H-5460 POST RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT (Bennett & Others) This act would allow any member who retired from service under Titles 16, 36, or 45 of the general laws to be employed or reemployed by a Municipal Employees Retirement System participating municipality for up to 99 working days (currently 75) or 198 half days (currently 150) per year without reduction of retirement benefits. Municipal Government

H-5539 INDEPENDENT CHARTER SCHOOLS (Silva) This act would provide that no independent charter school teacher or administrator would be required to participate in the teachers' retirement system. The school may offer its employees the option to participate in an alternative retirement program. Labor

H-5602 TEACHERS' RETIREMENT (Gallison & Others) This act would mandate that any teacher employed in at least a ½ program, including a job share program in a school district or among 2 or more different school districts, must remain a contributing member of the retirement system and receive credit for that part-time service. Finance

H-5709 TEACHERS' RETIREMENT (Newberry & Marcello) This act would eliminate the ability of a retired teacher to pay the annual cost to maintain the life insurance benefit in effect at the time of retirement at the cost in effect at the time of retirement. Municipal Government

H-5734 TEACHERS' RETIREMENT (McNamara) This act would allow certain retired teachers, administrators, and retired employees of the Department of Education and/or the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education to be employed on a temporary basis by certain educational entities in furtherance of the federal Race to the Top grant. This employment will not result in a loss of any retirement benefits to the retiree/employee. H.E.W.

H-5764 FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS (Lally & McCauley) This act would require cities/towns and fire districts to continue to pay medical and other related expenses for treatment to those public safety personnel who have retired pursuant to Chapter 45-19 "Relief of Injured and Deceased Firefighters and Police Officers". Labor

H-5840 COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE (Menard & Others) This act would eliminate the cost-of-living retirement adjustments for all teachers and state employees, and their surviving spouses or domestic partners, who are hired on or after the effective date of this act. Finance

H-5884 MUNICIPAL PENSION BENEFITS (Brien & Others) This act would modify municipal pension benefits as follows: the benefits of municipal employees would be modified by an increase in the age and years-in-service requirements for retirement eligibility; the percentages of annual salary received would be reduced for accidental disability benefits and benefits paid to retired sick or injured police officers and firefighters; for police and firefighters covered under the "Optional Retirement" provisions, including those from certain specified communities, there would occur age and benefit modifications as well as changes in the life annuity provision; lastly, a new chapter would be added – 45-21.4 entitled "Municipal Retirement Programs" – designed to give cities/towns the authority by ordinance to modify retirement benefits for new and non-vested municipal employees. There is also a reporting requirement in this new provision which requires the city/town clerk, prior to final action on an ordinance, to forward to the Executive Director of the State Retirement System an actuarial study by a qualified actuarial firm. Municipal Government

H-5894Aaa 2012 APPROPRIATIONS ACT (Melo)

ART. 12 MEDICARE ENROLLMENT This article would allow municipalities, participating or nonparticipating in MERS, to require their retirees to enroll in Medicare as soon as eligible, notwithstanding the provisions of any other statute, ordinance, interest arbitration award or collective bargaining agreement to the contrary. Municipalities that require enrollment would have the right to negotiate any Medicare supplement or gap coverage for Medicare eligible retirees, but would not be required to provide any other healthcare benefits to any Medicare eligible retiree or spouse who has reached the age of 65. Finance

H-5894Aaa 2012 APPROPRIATIONS ACT (Melo)

ART. 12 RETIREMENT FOR ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY This article changes the procedure and timetable for police officers and firefighters to qualify for retirement for accidental disability including making determinations of the retirement board appealable to the Workers' Compensation Court. Finance

H-5894 2012 APPROPRIATIONS ACT (Melo) **(Deleted from H-5894A)**

ART. 13 TEACHERS' RETIREMENT This article would require each member of the teachers' retirement system to contribute an amount equal to 11.75% of compensation beginning the first pay date after July 1, 2011. Finance

H-5921 DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Costa) This act provides that no collective bargaining agreement covering public employees may require the employer to provide a defined benefit pension plan to its non-vested employees. Labor

H-6064 RETIREMENT OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (Guthrie & Others) This act would prohibit a contract of employment from requiring a municipality to contribute to more than one retirement plan or one retirement system for its employees. Finance

H-6193 ADJUSTMENT OF DISABILITY PENSIONS (Morgan & Chippendale) This act would require municipalities and quasi-municipal entities not currently enrolled in the Municipal Employees' Retirement System to annually adjust the disability pensions of pension beneficiaries according to any compensation earned. Exempted from the offset would be those whose job-related injuries are permanent total disabilities. Finance

H-6194 MEDICARE ENROLLMENT (Morgan & Chippendale) This act would require all state and municipal retirees to enroll in Medicare as soon as eligible notwithstanding the provisions of any statute, ordinance or collective bargaining agreement. Finance

H-6209 ADJUSTMENT OF DISABILITY PENSIONS (Brien & Others) This act would require municipalities and quasi-municipal entities not currently enrolled in the Municipal Employees' Retirement System to annually adjust the disability pensions of pension beneficiaries according to any compensation earned. Exempted from the offset would be those whose job-related injuries are permanent total disabilities. Finance

H-6210 MEDICARE ENROLLMENT (Brien & Others) This act would require all state and municipal retirees to enroll in Medicare as soon as eligible notwithstanding the provisions of any statute, ordinance or collective bargaining agreement. Finance

H-6211 RETIREMENT FOR ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY (Johnston & DaSilva) This act would provide that police officers or firefighters who have been determined eligible for injured on duty pay would be exempt from the requirement that they certify the time, place and conditions of the duty performed that resulted in the injury. Finance

S-72 TEACHERS' RETIREMENT (DiPalma & Others) This act would mandate that any teacher employed in at least a 1/2 program, including a job share program in a school district or among 2 or more different school districts, must remain a contributing member of the retirement system and receive credit for that part-time service. Labor

S-145 TEACHERS' RETIREMENT (Ciccone) This act would allow all public school teachers who were paid by federal funds to purchase creditable retirement service time for that employment. The current law does not allow this benefit to teachers who taught at schools operated for profit. Finance

S-358 POST RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT (McCaffrey) This act would allow any member who retired from service under Titles 16, 36, or 45 of the general laws to be employed or reemployed by a Municipal Employees Retirement System participating municipality for up to 99 working days (currently 75) or 198 half days (currently 150) per year without reduction of retirement benefits. Finance

S-402A TEACHERS' RETIREMENT (Gallo & Others) This act would allow certain retired teachers, administrators, and retired employees of the Department of Education and/or the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education to be employed on a temporary basis by certain educational entities in furtherance of the federal Race to the Top Grant. This employment will not result in a loss of any retirement benefits to the retiree/employee. Labor

S-523 CHARTER SCHOOLS (Doyle & Others) This act would provide that no independent charter school teacher or administrator would be required to participate in the teachers' retirement system. The independent charter school may choose to offer its employees the option to participate in an alternative retirement program. Education

S-966 MUNICIPAL PENSION BENEFITS (DaPonte) This act would modify municipal pension benefits as follows: the benefits of municipal employees would be modified by an increase in the age and years-in-service requirements for retirement eligibility; the percentages of annual salary received would be reduced for accidental disability benefits and benefits paid to retired sick or injured police officers and firefighters; for police and firefighters covered under the "Optional Retirement" provisions, including those from certain specified communities, there would occur age and benefit modifications as well as changes in the life annuity provision; lastly, a new chapter would be added – 45-21.4 entitled "Municipal Retirement Programs" – designed to give cities/towns the authority by ordinance to modify retirement benefits for new and non-vested municipal employees. There is also a reporting requirement in this new provision which requires the city/town clerk, prior to final action on an ordinance, to forward to the Executive Director of the State Retirement System an actuarial study by a qualified actuarial firm. Finance

S-1024 MEDICARE ENROLLMENT (Goodwin) This act would provide that no municipality can permit the payment of medical insurance benefits for medicare eligible retirees who have reached the age of 65, and would also require that all retirees who have been deemed disabled under federal social security standards enroll in Medicare. Finance

S-1083 MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES: COUNCIL MEMBERS (Lanzi & Others) This act would prevent city/town council members elected for the first time after November 6, 2012, from participating in the Municipal Employees' Retirement System as a result of that elective service. Finance

TOWN & CITY CLERKS

H-5012 PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO MARRY (Handy & Others) This act would broaden the definition of persons eligible to marry to include persons of the same gender. This act also would provide that members of the clergy would not be required to officiate at any particular marriage. Judiciary

H-5035 ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS (DaSilva & Others) This act would require public access to all provisions of individual employment contracts of public employees. Judiciary

H-5190 REGIONALIZING CITY AND TOWN DEED REGISTRIES (Schadone & Others) This resolution would create a special house commission to study regionalizing city/town deed registries into 5 county registries in order to deliver more efficient public services, establish better intergovernmental communication, and reduce costs. Municipal Government

H-5232 MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES (Newberry & Others) This act would eliminate the requirement that municipalities provide copies of municipal ordinances to state senators and representatives free of charge. Municipal Government

H-5253 RECORDING OF FORECLOSURE DEED (Diaz & Others) This act would require that foreclosure deeds be recorded within 30 days of the foreclosure sale with failure to do so rendering the sale null and void. This act also would establish a monthly "periodic tenancy" subject to the provisions of the "Residential Landlord and Tenant Act" for bona fide tenants of a mortgagor. Judiciary

H-5321 TOLLING OF EXPIRATION PERIODS (Gallison & Others) This act would extend the tolling of expiration periods from June 30, 2011, to June 30, 2013, as to any approval or permit in effect on November 9, 2009, and June 30, 2013, and would not revive any expired approval or permit. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5331 HISTORICAL RECORDS TRUST (Coderre & Others) This act would subject the recording of attachments, executions, and mechanics' liens to a \$4.00 surcharge for the benefit of the Rhode Island Historical Records Trust. Finance

H-5339 LIS PENDENS (Winfield) This act would require court permission prior to filing a lis pendens on real estate that is used solely for the purpose of maintaining the health, education and welfare of an individual. Judiciary

H-5345 PROBATE: DIVISION OF REAL ESTATE (Reilly & Others) This act would relieve probate courts from any obligation to prepare an affidavit of no real property or record a certificate of descent in the event a fiduciary fails to do so. Judiciary

H-5359 PROBATE: RULES OF DESCENT (Jackson & Others) This act would make various amendments to general law Chapter 33-1 entitled "Rules of Descent", and would create a new Chapter – 33-28 entitled "Elective Share" concerning the right to an elective share given the surviving spouse of a decedent domiciled in Rhode Island. Judiciary

H-5362 CONVEYANCES (Malik) This act would allow registrars of deeds to prescribe document formatting standards designed to preserve recorded documents. It also would require that all documents printed, other than survey plans, be on white paper no larger than legal size and typewritten in black. Judiciary

H-5367 PROBATE: NOTICE REQUIREMENTS (Jackson & Others) This act would eliminate and revise certain notice requirements to parties in interest in the probate courts, and also establishes fees for petitions for change of name and for adoption. Judiciary

H-5369 PROBATE: BONDS (Jackson & Others) This act would provide a cause of action on behalf of any principal or claimant covered under a fiduciary bond filed under a probate court order against the issuing surety for wrongfully refusing to pay or settle a claim, or to perform timely its obligations under the bond. Judiciary

H-5375 HISTORICAL CEMETERIES (Tanzi & Others) This act would make sweeping changes to the laws on historical cemeteries including establishing a register to be maintained by the recorder of deeds with the city/town assessor noting the location of each cemetery on the tax assessor's map; requiring that every deed presented for recording would contain a notation that a historical cemetery is located on the property; and authorizing city/town councils to provide abatements from taxation for real property on which a cemetery is located. Municipal Government

H-5376 PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCES (Reilly & Others) This act would amend the provisions regarding publication of city/town ordinances, bylaws, and regulations by requiring the city/town clerk to electronically disseminate all these documents including amendments. Municipal Government

H-5389 TOLLING OF EXPIRATION PERIODS (San Bento & Others) This act would extend the tolling of expiration periods from June 30, 2011, to June 30, 2013, as to any approval or permit in effect on November 9, 2009, and June 30, 2013, and would not revive any expired approval or permit. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5412 ALTERNATIVE PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICES (Serpa & Others) This act would create an alternative method for the publication of any notice or other written matter required to be published in a newspaper by any law of this state. The publication requirement would be satisfied by posting on the authorized website established pursuant to this act. Judiciary

H-5453 VITAL RECORDS: ADOPTIONS (Carnevale & Others) This act would give the Division of Vital Records the responsibility to establish and maintain the "adoptive vital records file". New language is added regarding procedures for obtaining information contained in the "adoptive vital records file" including the opportunity to file a "contact preference form". The "contact preference form" gives parents the ability to express preference regarding contact with the adoptee, and the opportunity to obtain an updated medical history. Judiciary

H-5475 INSPECTION OF DAMS AND RESERVOIRS (Handy) This act would provide that orders or notices issued by the Director of the Department of Environmental Management regarding unsafe dams and reservoirs are eligible for recording in the land evidence records in the city/town wherein the subject property is located. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5476 WATER POLLUTION (Handy) This act would provide that orders or notices issued by the Director of the Department of Environmental Management regarding water pollution violations are eligible for recording in the land evidence records in the city/town wherein the subject property is located. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5497 RECORDING OF INSTRUMENTS (Coderre) This act would authorize recording officers to charge a rate of \$1.00 for each additional page or fraction over the first page for writs of attachment or execution affecting title to real estate, accounts under the mechanics' lien law, and writs of attachment or liens affecting title to mobile and manufactured homes. Finance

H-5509 FORM AND EFFECT OF CONVEYANCES (Lally & Jackson) This act would provide that various types of instruments that are used to convey an interest in real property, and which are recorded in the land evidence records are valid even if executed with certain defects. Judiciary

H-5582 INSPECTION OF DAMS AND RESERVOIRS (Ferri & Others) This act would require the owner of a dam to file a dam inspection form with the Director of the Department of Environmental Management, and also provides that orders or notices issued by the Director regarding unsafe dams and reservoirs are eligible for recording in the land evidence records in the city/town wherein the subject property is located. Environment and Natural Resources

H-5673 MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE AND SALE (Winfield) This act would add a new section 34-27-1.2 – "Notice and recordation of assignments and transfers" pertaining to mortgage foreclosure sales. Under this section 45 days notice would be required prior to a proposed foreclosure sale, and all transfers or assignments of the mortgage must be recorded in the land evidence records of the city/town in which the property is located. Judiciary

H-5676 PUBLIC RECORDS – CUSTODY AND PROTECTION (Coderre & Naughton) This act would make "quasi-public agencies" of the state or local governments subject to the law regarding custody and protection of public records. Judiciary

H-5689 PUBLIC RECORDS (Coderre & Naughton) This act would amend the definition of “agency” or “public body” to include quasi-public agencies for the purposes of administration of the state public records law. Judiciary

H-5708 DRIVERS’ LICENSES: TOWN AND CITY CLERKS (Reilly & Others) This act would enable city/town councils to enact ordinances allowing the city/town clerks to accept and process applications for the renewal of drivers’ licenses. Municipal Government

H-5751 NOTARIES PUBLIC (Serpa) This act would make various changes to general law Chapter 42-30 entitled “Notaries Public and Justices of the Peace”. Among the changes are: requirement that notaries maintain a written log or record book of all notarial acts for 5 years; a change to the fee schedule to “not more than \$25.00 for performing any of the following”; and a requirement that all licensed notaries participate in ongoing professional development. Judiciary

H-5753 PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO MARRY (Dickinson) This act would broaden the definition of persons eligible to marry to include persons of the same gender. This act also would provide that members of the clergy would not be required to officiate at any particular marriage. Judiciary

H-5809 PUBLIC RECORDS (Marcello & Others) This act would amend various sections of the “Access to Public Records Act”. Proposed changes include a reduction of the time period for compliance with or denial of the request for records from 10 business days to 7 business days, the waiver of copying and search fees if there is a failure to produce requested records in a timely manner, and an increase in the amount of fines for either willful or reckless violation. It also would require the identification of a designated public records officer, and the establishment of procedures for making a public records request which must be posted. It also defines “Pension Records”, and addresses specifically the issue of what information should be made public following an initial arrest. Judiciary

H-5884 MUNICIPAL PENSION BENEFITS (Brien & Others) This act would modify municipal pension benefits in a variety of ways, among which is the addition of a new Chapter - 45-21.4 entitled “Municipal Retirement Programs” designed to give cities/towns the authority by ordinance to modify retirement benefits for new and non-vested municipal employees. There is also a reporting requirement in this new provision which requires the city/town clerk, prior to final action on an ordinance, to forward to the Executive Director of the State Retirement System an actuarial study by a qualified actuarial firm. Municipal Government

H-5902 FORECLOSED PROPERTY UPKEEP ACT (Lima & Costa) This act would establish the “Rhode Island Foreclosed Property Upkeep Act” which would require a financial institution or business entity that purchases a foreclosed property to maintain the property in accordance with the “Rhode Island Housing Maintenance and Occupancy Code”, and to post a bond with the municipality in which the foreclosed property is located. The financial institution or business entity that holds a mortgage must record in the land evidence records a document identifying an agent in Rhode Island for service of process. Judiciary

H-5904 RECIPROCAL BENEFICIARY AGREEMENTS (Petrarca & Others) This act would authorize two unmarried persons who are excluded from entering into a valid marriage under the marriage laws of this state, or who are or were related by blood, adoption or marriage to establish a reciprocal beneficiary agreement that extends specific rights and related responsibilities to each reciprocal beneficiary. After the agreement is properly executed it must be filed with the clerk of the city/town in which at least one of the beneficiaries resides. A copy of the agreement also must be forwarded by the clerk to the Department of Health. Judiciary

H-5908 PUBLIC RECORDS (Coderre) This act would make “quasi-public agencies” of the state or local governments subject to the law regarding custody and protection of public records and access to those records. Judiciary

H-5914 FEES (Slater) This act would increase the fees for searches and copies of vital records, and for probate filings and petitions. Finance

H-5942 MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE AND SALE (Williams & Others) This act would require a mortgagee, after an individual consumer mortgagor’s delinquency commences, to provide written notice within 45 days to the clerk or recorder of deeds of the city/town in which the property is located. Counseling between the mortgagor and mortgagee is mandatory, and must be provided by a HUD-approved independent counseling agency. This requirement must be complied with prior to acceptance and recording in the land evidence records. Judiciary

H-5958 ADULT GUARDIANSHIP (Kennedy) This act would establish the “Uniform Adult Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Jurisdiction Act” which purpose would be to enable states that choose to participate to have a uniform method of dealing with probate matters which have multi-jurisdictional implications. Corporations

H-6103Aaa CIVIL UNIONS (Petrarca & Others) This act would provide a legal proceeding whereby two individuals of the same sex may enter into a civil union. A license must be first obtained from the clerk of the city/town in which one of the proposed parties to the civil union resides or in which the unions are to be performed. The clerk shall record in a separate book the required information that is furnished pursuant to this chapter, and shall treat the civil union certificate as a vital record pursuant to general laws Chapter 23-3. Also included in the act are conscience and religious organizations protections. Judiciary

H-6135 PROBATE PRACTICE: CHILD SUPPORT ARREARAGES (Ucci) This act would amend various sections of Title 33 – “Probate Practice and Procedure” to create a duty for administrators or executors to access the interactive website provided by the Office of Child Support Services to determine if there are outstanding child support arrearages owed to the State of Rhode Island and/or the custodial parent by the decedent or any heir. Finance

H-6214 MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS: TOWN AND CITY CLERKS (Reilly & Others) This act would enable city/town councils to enact ordinances allowing the city/town clerks to accept and process applications for the renewal of motor vehicle registrations. Municipal Government

H-6237 MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVERS' LICENSES AND REGISTRATIONS: TOWN AND CITY CLERKS (DaSilva & Azzinaro) This act would enable city/town councils to enact ordinances allowing the city/town clerk to accept and process applications for new or renewed drivers' licenses and motor vehicle registrations. In addition, the municipality would collect 10% of the fee paid for each transaction. Municipal Government

S-29 PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO MARRY (Perry & Others) This act would broaden the definition of persons eligible to marry to include persons of the same gender. This act also would provide that members of the clergy would not be required to officiate at any particular marriage. Judiciary

S-48 FRESH WATER WETLANDS (Walaska & Others) This act would require the Director of the Department of Environmental Management to provide city/town councils with notice of applications to alter fresh water wetlands by forwarding the original petitions and maps by electronic, certified and regular mail to the city/town clerks and directors of planning and development. Environment & Agriculture

S-66 CONVEYANCES REQUIRED TO BE IN WRITING AND RECORDED (Crowley & DiPalma) This act would allow registrars of deeds to prescribe formatting standards to preserve recorded documents. It also would require that all documents printed, other than survey plans, be on white paper no larger than legal size and be typewritten in black ink. Judiciary

S-196 HISTORICAL RECORDS TRUST (Crowley & Others) This act would subject the recording of attachments, executions and mechanics' liens to a \$4.00 surcharge for the benefit of the Rhode Island Historical Records Trust. Finance

S-208 TOLLING OF EXPIRATION PERIODS (Tassoni & Others) This act would extend the tolling of expiration periods from June 30, 2011, to June 30, 2013, as to any approval or permit issued by the state or local agencies. Housing & Municipal Government

S-215A ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS (DeVall & Others) This act would require public access to all provisions of individual employment contracts of public employees except for personally identifiable information including social security numbers, home address, and non-business telephone numbers. Judiciary

S-228 HISTORICAL CEMETERIES (Sheehan & Sosnowski) This act would make sweeping changes to the laws on historical cemeteries including establishing a register to be maintained by the recorder of deeds with the city/town tax assessor noting the location of each cemetery on the tax assessor's map; requiring every deed presented for recording would contain a notation that a historical cemetery is located on the property; and authorizing city/town councils to provide abatements from taxation for real property on which a cemetery is located. Judiciary

S-248 ALTERNATIVE PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICES (Gallo & Others) This act would create an alternative method for the publication of any notice or other written matter required to be published in a newspaper by any law of this state. The publication requirement would be satisfied by posting on the authorized website established pursuant to this act. Judiciary

S-332 MORTGAGE AND FORECLOSURE SALE (Metts & Others) This act would require mortgagees, upon filing a notice of intent to foreclose on a mortgage on residential property, to serve a copy of that notice with the city/town clerk where the property is located at the same time as service on the mortgagor. If, after filing the notice of intention to foreclose, the property becomes vacant prior to vesting of title the municipality may require the mortgagee to correct housing code violations. Judiciary

S-359 VITAL RECORDS: ADULT ADOPTEES (Walaska) This act would allow adult adoptees or their representatives to obtain an uncertified copy of their original birth certificate. The birth parents will complete both a contact preference form and a medical history form which must be attached to the original birth certificate. Health & Human Services

S-361 VITAL RECORDS: ADOPTIONS (Nesselbush & Others) This act would give the Division of Vital Records the responsibility to establish and maintain the "adoptee vital records file". New language is added regarding procedures for obtaining information contained in the "adoptee vital records file" including the opportunity to file a "contact preference form". The "contact preference form" gives parents the ability to express preference regarding contact with the adoptee, and the opportunity to obtain an updated medical history. Health & Human Services

S-369 RECORDING OF INSTRUMENTS (Crowley & Others) This act would authorize recording officers to charge a rate of \$1.00 for each additional page or fraction over the first page for writs of attachment or execution affecting title to real estate, accounts under the mechanics' lien law, and writs of attachment or liens affecting title to mobile and manufactured homes. Judiciary

S-376 DOMESTIC UNIONS (Hodgson) This act would repeal Chapter 15.1 of the general laws entitled "Persons Eligible to Marry". It also would create a statutory right to enter into domestic unions with licenses being issued by the city/town clerk either of the place of residence or where the union is to be solemnized. A "Freedom of Conscience" provision is also included in the act. Judiciary

S-377 RECIPROCAL BENEFICIARY AGREEMENTS (DiPalma & Others) This act would authorize two unmarried persons who are excluded from entering into a valid marriage under the marriage laws of this state, or who are or were related by blood, adoption or marriage to establish a reciprocal beneficiary agreement that extends specific rights and related responsibilities to each reciprocal beneficiary. After the agreement is properly executed it must be filed with the clerk of the city/town in which at least one of the beneficiaries resides. A copy of the agreement also must be forwarded by the clerk to the Department of Health. Judiciary

S-444 WATER POLLUTION (Sosnowski) This act would provide that orders or notices issued by the Director of the Department of Environmental Management regarding water pollution violations are eligible for recording in the land evidence records in the city/town wherein the subject property is located. Environment & Agriculture

S-452 INSPECTION OF DAMS AND RESERVOIRS (Sosnowski) This act would provide that orders or notices issued by the Director of the Department of Environmental Management regarding unsafe dams and reservoirs are eligible for recording in the land evidence records in the city/town wherein the subject property is located. Environment & Agriculture

S-478 VITAL RECORDS (Perry & Others) This act would give the Division of Vital Records the responsibility to establish and maintain the "adoptive vital records file". New language is added regarding procedures for obtaining information contained in the "adoptive vital records file", including the opportunity for a "no release form" to be filed. The "no release form" would inform the birth parents of their ability to provide genetic, social, and health history to the Passive Voluntary Adoption Mutual Consent Registry. Health & Human Services

S-529 MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES (Maher & Pinga) This act would eliminate the requirement that municipalities provide copies of municipal ordinances to state senators and representatives free of charge. Housing & Municipal Government

S-680 PUBLIC RECORDS (Sheehan & Others) This act would amend various sections of the "Access to Public Records Act". Proposed changes include a reduction of the time period for compliance with or denial of the request for records from 10 business days to 7 business days, the waiver of copying and search fees if there is a failure to produce requested records in a timely manner, and an increase in the amount of fines for either willful or reckless violation. It also would require the identification of a designated public records officer, and the establishment of procedures for making a public records request which must be posted. It also defines "Pension Records", and addresses specifically the issue of what information should be made public following an initial arrest. Judiciary

S-683 MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE AND SALE (Pichardo & Others) This act would require a mortgagee, after an individual consumer mortgagor's delinquency commences, to provide written notice within 45 days to the clerk or recorder of deeds of the city/town in which the property is located. Counseling between the mortgagor and mortgagee is mandatory, and must be provided by a HUD-approved independent counseling agency. This requirement must be complied with prior to acceptance and recording in the land evidence records. Judiciary

S-687 PUBLIC RECORDS – CUSTODY AND PROTECTION (Goodwin) This act would make "quasi-public agencies" of the state or local governments subject to the law regarding custody and protection of public records. Judiciary

S-776 PUBLIC RECORDS (Goodwin) This act would amend the definition of "agency" or "public body" to include quasi-public agencies for the purposes of administration of the state public records law. Judiciary

S-883 FORM AND EFFECT OF CONVEYANCES (Jabour & Others) This act would provide that various types of instruments that are used to convey an interest in real property, and which are recorded in the land evidence records are valid even if executed with certain defects. Judiciary

S-966 MUNICIPAL PENSION BENEFITS (DaPonte) This act would modify municipal pension benefits in a variety of ways, among which is the addition of a new Chapter – 45-21.4 entitled “Municipal Retirement Programs” designed to give cities/towns the authority by ordinance to modify retirement benefits for new and non-vested municipal employees. There is also a reporting requirement in this new provision which requires the city/town clerk, prior to final action on an ordinance, to forward to the Executive Director of the State Retirement System an actuarial study by a qualified actuarial firm. Finance

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H-5042 PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT (Edwards & Others) This act would make the awarding authority of a public works contract only responsible that the contract contain provisions requiring payment of prevailing wages, and not responsible for following the progress of the contract nor enforcing its provisions. Labor

H-5065 GRAVES AND CORPSES (Gallison & Others) This act would increase the fines to \$5,000.00 for the defacing of the Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Monument, or any other public statue, monument, or grave-site, and would provide for full restitution of the costs of the damages incurred. Judiciary

H-5081 DISTRESSED AREAS ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION (Gallison & Others) This act redefines the criteria for certification as a “qualified business” under the “Distressed Areas Economic Revitalization Act”. Finance

H-5098 IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY (Ajello & Others) This act would amend the law granting immunity from liability for administration of CPR or automated external defibrillation in an emergency situation by removing the provision that this immunity would only apply to persons who have been trained according to certain standards. Judiciary

H-5118 RHODE ISLAND LIBRARY NETWORK (McCauley & Others) This act would provide for the location of the Reference Resource Center to be chosen yearly from requests for proposals submitted by library systems annually, changing its current location of the Providence Public Library. H.E.W.

H-5191 PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS (Costa & Others) This act would relieve municipalities of the requirement of deducting and retaining from the price of construction contracts an additional sum to pay the costs of municipal police traffic control on any public works project. Municipal Government

H-5258 LAND PRESERVED FOR CEMETERY PURPOSES (Newberry & Others) This act would exempt land held by nonprofit corporations for cemetery purposes from adverse possession or prescription. Judiciary

H-5301aa MUNICIPAL WATER METER REPLACEMENT (Jackson & Others) This act would relieve municipalities and water districts from the requirement of hiring only licensed plumbers to replace water meters or meter reading devices. Municipal Government

H-5333 SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT (Phillips & Others) This act would make mandatory the use of flashing lights on snowplows and snow removal equipment when engaged in snow removal only. H.E.W.

H-5358 EMPLOYEES AT ANIMAL SHELTERS (Petrarca & Others) This act would require that any person hired at an animal shelter, whether it be a new employee or current employee, must achieve a certain level of training as offered by the National Animal Control Association. Judiciary

H-5370 MOTORCYCLE DESIGNATED PARKING (Petrarca & Others) This act would require that the state and municipalities provide designated specific parking spaces for motorcycles at public buildings. Judiciary

H-5415 PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS (Nunes & Others) This act would raise the threshold for when contracts for public works projects must contain a provision stating that prevailing wages must be paid from \$1,000 to \$1,000,000 for new construction and to \$500,000 for alteration or remodeling projects. Labor

H-5431 INSPECTOR GENERAL (Valencia & Others) This act would establish the Office of Inspector General as an independent administrative agency charged with the purpose of preventing and detecting fraud, waste and abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds. Finance

H-5459 PUBLIC WORKS: PREVAILING WAGES (Ucci & Corvese) This act would create a chief prevailing wage investigator within the Department of Labor and Training who would investigate prevailing wages and payments made to or on behalf of employees on public works projects. Labor

H-5522 ANIMAL ABUSE OFFENDERS (Coderre & Others) This act would prohibit persons convicted of animal cruelty from possessing or residing with animals for various periods of time following conviction depending on the seriousness of the offense. Judiciary

H-5535 EMPLOYEES AT ANIMAL SHELTERS (Silva) This act would require that any person hired by an animal shelter, whether it be a new employee or current employee, must achieve a certain level of training as offered by the National Animal Control Association. Judiciary

H-5543 PREVAILING WAGE: REMOVAL OF DEBRIS (DaSilva & Guthrie) This act would provide that the removal of debris or other material from a public works site is subject to prevailing wage requirements. Labor

H-5643 INTEREST IN CIVIL ACTIONS (Marcello) This act would not allow prejudgment interest for damages against the state, cities/towns or governmental employees in civil actions, and would provide for the calculation of post judgment interest at the rate of 12% commencing 4 weeks after the date the judgment was entered. Judiciary

H-5670 JOINT TORTFEASORS (Marcello & Others) This act would provide that joint and several liability shall not apply to the state, its political subdivisions, and/or their employees while performing any act or omission under the scope of their employment, unless the proportionate liability is equal to or exceeds 25% of the total judgment. Judiciary

H-5674 TORT LIABILITY (Marcello & Newberry) This act would amend and add language to the limitation of damages provisions of the general laws that cap damages at \$250,000 in tort actions against employees, agents, or departments of cities/towns and fire districts. Judiciary

H-5686 TORT LIABILITY (Marcello & Newberry) This act would prohibit lawsuits against city, town and , or fire district officials or employees in their individual capacities unless the act or omission in question was not performed within the scope of their employment or involved actual fraud or malice or willful misconduct. Judiciary

H-5690 DOGS (DeSimone & Slater) This act would provide guidelines and penalties for any person who keeps a dog outside tethered, penned, caged, fenced or otherwise confined without adequate shelter from the elements, and would add definitions of "proper food", "proper water", "proper veterinary care" and "shelter for a dog" to the Chapter entitled "Cruelty to Animals". Judiciary

H-5696 PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS (Williams & Marcello) This act would provide that each bidder prior to the award of a contract for public works would submit to the proper authority a list of subcontractors. This is a change from the current language that specifies submission after the award of the contract. Labor

H-5719 LOW SPEED VEHICLES (Valencia & Others) This act would permit cities/towns, by ordinance, to authorize the use of low speed vehicles on state, city or town roads within a specified distance from a golf course. Municipal Government

H-5745 OPEN MEETINGS (Bennett) This act adds language of clarification to the "Open Meetings Law" concerning situations when written public notice would not be required. Judiciary

H-5760 PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS (Williams & Others) This act would require prevailing wage contractors and subcontractors to file their certified weekly payroll records with the public works project awarding authority on a form issued by the Department of Labor and Training rather than directly to the Department of Labor and Training. Labor

H-5789 LOCAL ROADS AND STREETS (O'Grady & Others) This act would create the Rhode Island Highway Maintenance and Public Transit Trust Fund to be used for transportation maintenance and expansion. The fund would consist of monies generated by a \$40.00 surcharge on vehicle registrations. 15% of these monies would be allocated to cities/towns for use on local roads and streets. Finance

H-5821 COMPLETE STREETS COUNCIL (Hearn & Others) This act would create the Rhode Island Complete Streets Council, and specify its powers and duties, among which are an assessment and evaluation of programs and policies of local governments as they relate to the creation and maintenance of complete streets, and to provide assistance and training to local governments regarding implementation of complete streets policy. Municipal Government

H-5868 RHODE ISLAND GAMING: DISCLOSURE (Lima) This act would require mandatory public disclosure and transparency by various elected officials and employees of the state and local governments who enter into discussions of a business nature regarding the state's gaming facilities. Judiciary

H-5869 NEPOTISM (Lima) This act would require every legislator to fully disclose the names and dates of hire of every relative and/or friend of said legislator employed by the state and/or any city/town. Judiciary

H-5886 SAFE ACCESS TO PUBLIC ROADS (Martin & Carnevale) This act would require the use of complete street design principles to ensure the safety of all highway users by all agencies who construct or modify roads or highways including local municipalities. Municipal Government

H-5898 DUTY OF UTILITY TO REPAVE STREETS (Tarro & Others) This act would require public utilities which have caused the opening of the surface of a street to promptly repave the street to its full width co-extensive with the length of the opening. Corporations

H-5940 MAINTENANCE OF TOWN HIGHWAYS (Medina & Others) This act establishes a classification system for determining whether the state or cities/towns are responsible for repairing or maintaining various types of roadways. Finance

H-5948 FIRE HYDRANT RENTAL FEES (O'Neill & Others) This act would prevent the Public Utilities Commission from requiring the payment of rental fees for fire hydrants from any city/town that has prohibited these fees by enactment of an ordinance. Municipal Government

H-6074 STATE PURCHASES (Hearn & Others) This act would require contractually outsourced computer software vendors to provide the state and its municipalities with independent access without charge to the data and information of the affected government entity. Finance

S-6 EXCAVATION NEAR UNDERGROUND UTILITY FACILITIES (Fogarty & Others) This act would require public utilities to be responsible for any costs incurred by municipal corporations associated with the temporary or permanent relocation of utility infrastructure during public works projects within municipal rights-of-way. Corporations

S-19A MOTORCYCLE DESIGNATED PARKING (Tassoni & Doyle) This act would require the state and municipalities to provide designated parking spaces for motorcycles at public buildings between April 1 and November 30 of each year. Housing & Municipal Government

S-25 LAND PRESERVED FOR CEMETERY PURPOSES (Tassoni & Others) This act would exempt land held by nonprofit corporations for cemetery purposes from adverse possession or prescription. Judiciary

S-33 GRAVES AND CORPSES (Tassoni & Others) This act would increase the fines to \$5,000.00 for the defacing of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, or any other public statue, monument, or grave-site, and would provide for full restitution of the costs of the damages incurred. Judiciary

S-56 RHODE ISLAND LIBRARY NETWORK (Perry & Others) This act would provide for the location of the Reference Resource Center to be chosen yearly from requests for proposals submitted by library systems annually, changing its current location of the Providence Public Library. Finance

S-74 PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS (DiPalma & Others) This act would provide that each bidder prior to the award of a contract for public works would submit to the proper authority a list of subcontractors. This is a change from the current language that specifies submission after the award of the contract. Labor

S-91 ANIMAL REGISTRY (Tassoni & Others) This act would require that animal shelters establish a registry of all organizations willing to accept animals for adoption or long term placement, and also would require that animal shelters meet certain conditions prior to euthanizing an animal. Environment & Agriculture

S-92 ANIMAL ABUSE OFFENDERS (Perry & Others) This act would prohibit persons convicted of animal cruelty from possessing or residing with animals for various periods of time following conviction depending on the seriousness of the offense. Environment & Agriculture

- S-93 EMPLOYEES AT ANIMAL SHELTERS** (Tassoni & Others) This act would require that any person hired by an animal shelter, whether it be a new employee or current employee, must achieve a certain level of training as offered by the National Animal Control Association. Environment & Agriculture
- S-94 SALE OR ADOPTION OF CATS** (DeVall & Others) This act would impose a fine of \$300.00 on any licensed releasing agency offering non-spayed or non-neutered cats for sale or adoption unless specifically offered for breeding purposes. Environment & Agriculture
- S-138 EMPLOYEES AT ANIMAL SHELTERS** (Tassoni & Others) This act would require that any person hired by an animal shelter, whether it be a new employee or current employee, must achieve a certain level of training as offered by the National Animal Control Association. Environment & Agriculture
- S-140 DOGS** (Tassoni & Others) This act would provide guidelines and penalties for any person who keeps a dog outside tethered, penned, caged, fenced or otherwise confined without adequate shelter from the elements, and would add definitions of "proper food", "proper water", "proper veterinary care" and "shelter for a dog" to the Chapter entitled "Cruelty to Animals". Environment & Agriculture
- S-143 RHODE ISLAND SPAY AND NEUTER FUND** (Fogarty & Others) This act would establish the Rhode Island Spay and Neuter Fund to assist residents of the state in paying all or part of any costs associated with reducing the number of homeless animals through spaying and neutering. Environment & Agriculture
- S-148 TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND** (DiPalma) This act would create the Rhode Island Highway Maintenance and Public Transit Trust Fund. The fund would consist of monies generated by a \$40.00 surcharge on vehicle registrations. A portion of these funds would be allocated by the Department of Transportation to cities/towns on a pro rata basis for maintenance and repair of local roads. Finance
- S-160 ANIMAL CONFINEMENT IN MOTOR VEHICLES** (Tassoni & Others) This act would make it a misdemeanor for anyone to confine any animal in a motor vehicle in such a manner that places it in a life or health threatening situation by exposure to a prolonged period of extreme heat or cold. It would allow law enforcement and animal control officers to take all necessary actions to remove the confined animal from danger. Judiciary
- S-227 LAND PRESERVED FOR CEMETERY PURPOSES** (Bates & Others) This act would exempt land held by nonprofit corporations for cemetery purposes from adverse possession or prescription. Judiciary
- S-266 CRUELTY TO ANIMALS** (Ruggerio & Others) This act would provide penalties for the devocalization of dogs and cats unless medically necessary as determined through a certification by a licensed veterinarian filed with the applicable animal control officer. Environment & Agriculture

- S-272A PUBLIC WORKS: PREVAILING WAGES** (Ruggerio & Others) This act would create a Chief Prevailing Wage Investigator who would investigate prevailing wages and payments made to or on behalf of employees on public works projects. Labor
- S-307 MOTORCYCLE DESIGNATED PARKING** (Tassoni & Others) This act would require that the state and municipalities provide designated specific parking spaces for motorcycles at public buildings. Housing & Municipal Government
- S-315 PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS** (Ruggerio & Others) This act would require all contractors and their subcontractors bidding on public works projects to provide a certification that all workers are covered by current workers' compensation coverage. Labor
- S-367 PUBLIC USE OF PRIVATE LANDS – LIABILITY LIMITATIONS** (McCaffrey & Lynch) This act would change the definition of "owner" to exclude the state and municipalities for the purpose of limiting liability relating to public use of private lands. Judiciary
- S-411 MUNICIPAL WATER METER REPLACEMENT** (Sosnowski) This act would relieve municipalities and water districts from the requirement of hiring only licensed plumbers to replace water meters. Labor
- S-437 RHODE ISLAND LIBRARY NETWORK** (Ciccone & Others) This act would provide for the location of the Reference Resource Center to be chosen yearly from requests for proposals submitted by library systems annually, changing its current location of the Providence Public Library. Education
- S-458A CRUELTY TO ANIMALS** (Ruggerio & Others) This act would add a new provision to general law Chapter 4-1 – entitled "Cruelty to Animals" which would make it a crime to operate upon the tails of bovines. Environment & Agriculture
- S-551 COMPLETE STREETS COUNCIL** (Pichardo & Others) This act would create the Rhode Island Complete Streets Council, and specify its powers and duties, among which are an assessment and evaluation of programs and policies of local governments as they relate to the creation and maintenance of complete streets, and to provide assistance and training to local governments regarding implementation of complete streets policy. Housing & Municipal Government
- S-561 MAINTENANCE OF TOWN HIGHWAYS** (Pichardo & Others) This act establishes a classification system for determining whether the state or cities/towns are responsible for repairing or maintaining various types of roadways. Finance
- S-570 PURCHASING** (McCaffrey) This act would require the state and municipalities to award contracts to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder by redefining the word 'shall' to mean not modified, limited or conditioned, or replaced by the palpable abuse of discretion standard of review. Finance

S-615 FIRE HYDRANT RENTAL FEES (Metts & Others) This act would prevent the Public Utilities Commission from requiring the payment of rental fees for fire hydrants from any city/town that has prohibited these fees by enactment of an ordinance. Finance

S-616 INSPECTOR GENERAL (Sheehan & Others) This act would establish the Office of Inspector General as an independent administrative agency charged with the purpose of preventing and detecting fraud, waste and abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds. Finance

S-622 INSPECTOR GENERAL (Perry & Others) This act would establish the Office of Inspector General as an independent administrative agency charged with the purpose of preventing and detecting fraud, waste and abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds. Finance

S-640 INTEREST IN CIVIL ACTIONS AND TORT LIABILITY (Walaska & Bates) This act would not allow prejudgment interest for damages against the state, cities/towns or governmental employees in civil actions, and would provide for the calculation of post judgment interest at the rate of 12% commencing 4 weeks after the date the judgment was entered. The act also would prohibit lawsuits against city/town or fire district officials or employees in their individual capacities unless the act or omission was not performed within the scope of their employment or involved actual fraud or malice or willful misconduct. Also it provides that joint and several liability shall not apply to the state, cities/towns, and/or their employees unless the proportionate liability is equal to or exceeds 25% of the total judgment. Judiciary

S-643 OPEN MEETINGS (Moura & Pinga) This act would include 'other non-profit corporation or other non-profit entity' within the definition of what constitutes a 'public body' for purposes of the "Open Meetings Law". Judiciary

S-649 OPEN MEETINGS (McCaffrey) This act adds language of clarification to the "Open Meetings Law" concerning situations when written public notice would not be required. Judiciary

S-654 SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER PRIVACY ACT (Perry & Others) This act would make it unlawful for a state or local government agency to deny any individual any right, benefit or privilege provided by law because of an individual's refusal to disclose a social security number. Judiciary

S-681 SERGEANTS AND CONSTABLES (Ciccione & Others) This act would consider licensed constables who are authorized to serve or execute any process or writs issued by or returnable to the Superior Court to be officers of the court at all times while in the performance of their duties. Judiciary

S-689 TORT LIABILITY AND INTEREST IN CIVIL ACTIONS (Fogarty) This act would not allow prejudgment interest for damages against the state, cities/towns or governmental employees in civil actions, and would provide for the calculation of post judgment interest at the rate of 12% commencing 4 weeks after the date the judgment was entered. The act also would prohibit lawsuits against city/town or fire district officials or employees in their individual capacities unless the act or omission was not performed within the scope of their employment or involved actual fraud or malice or willful misconduct. Also, it provides that joint and several liability shall not apply to the state, cities/towns, and/or their employees unless the proportionate liability is equal to or exceeds 25% of the total judgment. Judiciary

S-746 MUNICIPAL WATER METER REPLACEMENT (Walaska) This act would relieve municipalities and water districts from the requirement of hiring only licensed plumbers to replace water meters. Labor

S-747 PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS (Pinga & Others) This act would raise the threshold for when contracts for public works projects must contain a provision stating that prevailing wages must be paid from \$1,000 to \$1,000,000 for new construction, and to \$500,000 for alteration or remodeling projects. Labor

S-787 OVERTIME COMPENSATION (Lynch & Others) This act would eliminate the overtime provisions for hours worked over 8 hours in any one day for prevailing wage work. It would preserve the "over 40 hour" work week overtime provisions. Labor

S-788 PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS (McCaffrey & Others) This act would require prevailing wage contractors and subcontractors to file their certified weekly payroll records with the public works project awarding authority on a form issued by the Department of Labor and Training rather than directly to this Department. Labor

S-792 PREVAILING WAGE: REMOVAL OF DEBRIS (Jabour & Others) This act would provide that the removal of debris or other material from a public works site is subject to prevailing wage requirements. Labor

S-861 STATE PURCHASES (Bates & Others) This act would require contractually outsourced computer software vendors to provide the state and its municipalities with independent access without charge to the data and information of the affected government entity. Finance

S-952 SAFE ACCESS TO PUBLIC ROADS (DiPalma & Pichardo) This act would require the use of complete street design principles to ensure the safety of all highway users by all agencies who construct or modify roads or highways including local municipalities. Housing & Municipal Government

SPECIAL ACTS for CITIES & TOWNS

BARRINGTON

H-6068 Statistical Update #2 – Scheduled Date Changed to 2010

S-863 Statistical Update #2 – Scheduled Date Changed to 2010

BRISTOL

H-5266 Charter Amendments – Validation / Ratification

H-5378A Motor Vehicle Registration Plate for Fourth of July Committee

S-205 Charter Amendments – Validation / Ratification

S-1075 Motor Vehicle Registration Plate for Fourth of July Committee

BRISTOL COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

H-5265 Subject to the Jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission

BURRILLVILLE

H-5187 Charter Amendments – Validation / Ratification

H-6136 Burrillville Sewer Commission – Penalties Enforced in Municipal Court

S-63 Charter Amendments – Validation / Ratification

S-553 Burrillville Sewer Commission – Penalties Enforced in Municipal Court

CHARLESTOWN

H-5020A Municipal Court – Concurrent Jurisdiction with Traffic Tribunal

H-5894Aaa Article 6 – State Beach Fees – Reduction of Local Share to 16%

S-31 Municipal Court – Expanded Jurisdiction

CENTRAL FALLS

H-5488 Bonds - \$15,500,000 – Renovation of School Buildings / Facilities

H-6306 Legislative Commission to Study Wyatt Detention Facility

S-324 Municipal Detention Facility Corp. – Subject to Local Property Taxation

S-608 Bonds - \$15,500,000 – Renovation of School Buildings / Facilities

S-1036 Availability of Musical Performance Education in Secondary Schools

CHARIHO REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

H-5030 Exemption from Closure on Primary Election Days

COVENTRY

H-5233 Borrowing to Pay Court Judgments – 10% of Adopted Budget
H-5417 School Committee Buildings – Installation of Fire Safety Equipment
H-5911 Bonds - \$5,000,000 – Air Quality and Energy Efficiency Improvements
H-5912 Bonds - \$10,000,000 – Improvements to Municipal / School Facilities
H-6221 Charter Amendments – Validation / Ratification
H-6261 Bonds - \$7,500,000 – Existing School Facilities
H-6263 Bonds - \$2,500,000 – Existing Municipal Facilities

S-192 Borrowing to Pay Court Judgments – 10% of Adopted Budget
S-552 School Committee Buildings – Installation of Fire Safety Equipment
S-558 Bonds - \$10,000,000 – Improvements to Municipal / School Facilities
S-587 Bonds - \$5,000,000 – Air Quality and Energy Efficiency Improvements
S-969 Charter Amendments – Validation / Ratification
S-1058 Bonds - \$7,500,000 – Existing School Facilities
S-1059 Bonds - \$2,500,000 – Existing Municipal Facilities

CRANSTON

H-6281 Abatement of Property Taxes – Uninhabitability Due to Flooding
S-99 Tax Exemption – Primary Residences Uninhabitable Due to Flooding
S-111 State Traffic Commission – Installation of Safety Improvements

CUMBERLAND

H-5713 North Cumberland Fire District – Charter Amendment – Quorum
H-5970 Authorization Allowing School Committee to Accept Gifts
H-6100 Fire Districts Subject to Maximum Levy Restrictions
S-965 Fire Districts Subject to Maximum Levy Restrictions

EAST GREENWICH

S-920 Municipal Lien Certificates – Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Certificate

EAST PROVIDENCE

H-5069	Property Tax Exemption – Property Located on Pomham Island
H-5205	Property Tax Exemption – Hattie Ide Chaffee Nursing Home
S-113	Property Tax Exemption – Property Located on Pomham Island
S-151	Property Tax Exemption – Hattie Ide Chaffee Nursing Home
S-882	E. P. Waterfront District – Subsidiary Public Corporation Amendments

EXETER – WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

H-5960A	Charter Amended in its Entirety
S-763	Charter Amended in its Entirety

GLOCESTER

H-5045	West Gloucester Fire District – Charter Amendment
H-6111	Harmony Fire District – Charter Amendments
S-110	West Gloucester Fire District – Charter Amendment
S-554	Harmony Fire District – Charter Amendments

JAMESTOWN

H-6218	Bonds - \$1,000,000 – Closure of Town Landfill
S-1050	Bonds - \$1,000,000 – Closure of Town Landfill

JOHNSTON

H-5159	Annual Payment of \$6,000,000 by Resource Recovery Corporation
H-6088	Tax Amnesty Period of 45 Days – Waiver of Interest and Penalties
H-6110	Membership of Police Officers in Municipal Retirement System
H-6195	Property Transfer by Resource Recovery Corp. to Johnston Land Trust
H-6204	Sale of Out of State Recyclable Materials – 25% of Proceeds to Town
S-454A	Sale of Out of State Recyclable Materials – 25% of Proceeds to Town
S-612	Annual Payment of \$6,000,000 by Resource Recovery Corporation
S-1000	Archery for Hunting Prohibited at Snake Den Park
S-1037	Tax Amnesty Period of 45 Days – Waiver of Interest and Penalties
S-1039	Membership of Police Officers in Municipal Retirement System

LINCOLN

H-5435	Allocation of Net Terminal Income – Extended to June 30, 2012
H-5436	Allocation of Net Terminal Income – Retain 1.45% Share
H-5916	Charter Amendments – Validation / Ratification
H-5955	Allocation of Net Terminal Income – Marketing Program
H-5894Aaa	Article 25 – State Operated Casino Gaming / Marketing Program
H-6085	Authorization of Casino Gaming Subject to Voter Approval
H-6097	Authorization for Referendum Concerning Casino Gaming at Twin River
S-133	Allocation of Net Terminal Income – Extended to June 30, 2012
S-492	Authorization of Casino Gaming Subject to Voter Approval
S-798	Allocation of Net Terminal Income – Marketing Program
S-927	Authorization of Casino Gaming Subject to Voter Approval
S-949	Charter Amendments – Validation / Ratification

MIDDLETOWN

H-6008	Ratification of Amendments to the Town Code
H-6019	Dogs – Fines for Violations and Licensing Fees
H-6121	Retirement of Municipal Employees – Defined Contribution Plan
H-6234	Enterprise Zone Designation – Additional Census Tracts
S-730	Ratification of Amendments to the Town Code
S-731	Dogs – Fines for Violations and Licensing Fees
S-915	Retirement of Municipal Employees – Defined Contribution Plan
S-962	Enterprise Zone Designation – Additional Census Tracts

NEW SHOREHAM

H-5299	Preservation of Historical Structures
S-209	Preservation of Historical Structures

NEWPORT

H-5435	Allocation of Net Terminal Income – Extended to June 30, 2012
H-5501	Authorization to Adopt School Dress Code
H-5842	Second Amendment to Master Video Lottery Terminal Contract
H-5894Aaa	Article 25 – Marketing Program/Second Amendment to Master Contract
H-5955	Allocation of Net Terminal Income – Marketing Program
S-133	Allocation of Net Terminal Income – Extended to June 30, 2012
S-434	Authorization to Adopt School Dress Code
S-798	Allocation of Net Terminal Income – Marketing Program
S-799	Second Amendment to Master Video Lottery Terminal Contract

NORTH KINGSTOWN

H-6060	Property Tax Exemption – Kingstown Crossings, L.P. Phase I
S-283	Economic Development Projects – Conformity to Comprehensive Plan
S-568	Property Tax Exemption – Rhode Island Farm Bureau Land Trust
S-877	Property Tax Exemption – Kingstown Crossings, L.P. Phase I
S-1003	Bonds - \$3,850,000 – Town Hall / School Department Administration
S-1004	Bonds - \$850,000 – McGinn Park Renovations

NORTH PROVIDENCE

H-5983	Request to State Traffic Commission to Conduct Traffic Study
H-6207	Charter Amendment – Promote Fiscal Responsibility
S-531	Charter Amendment – Promote Fiscal Responsibility
S-775	Request to State Traffic Commission to Conduct Traffic Study

NORTH SMITHFIELD

H-6139	Maximum Levy – Exemption of Tax Revenues from Dowling Village
S-959	Maximum Levy – Exemption of Tax Revenues from Dowling Village
S-1047	Maximum Levy – Exemption of Tax Revenues from Dowling Village

PAWTUCKET

H-5162	Allocation of Fines – Violations for Crossing the Pawtucket River Bridge
H-5490	Sales and Income Tax Exemptions in “Arts and Entertainment District”
H-5531	Axle Restriction on the Pawtucket River Bridge
H-5551	Authorization to Establish District Management Authority
H-5768	Issuance of Tax Anticipation Notes
H-6009	Charter Amendments – Validation / Ratification
H-6188	Use of Certain “Funds” to Achieve Deficit Reduction
H-6189	State Aid to Libraries - Exemption from Level Funding Requirement
S-543	Authorization to Establish District Management Authority
S-572	Allocation of Fines – Violations for Crossing the Pawtucket River Bridge
S-605	Sales and Income Tax Exemptions in “Arts and Entertainment District”
S-628	Issuance of Tax Anticipation Notes
S-729A	Axle Restriction on the Pawtucket River Bridge
S-878	Charter Amendments – Validation / Ratification
S-1016	Use of Certain “Funds” to Achieve Deficit Reduction
S-1017	State Aid to Libraries – Exemption from Level Funding Requirement

PORTSMOUTH

H-5138	Property Tax Exemption for Historic Preservation Sites
H-5164	Bonds - \$350,000 – School Building Improvements
H-5531	Axle Restriction on the Sakonnet River Bridge
S-101	Bonds - \$350,000 – School Building Improvements
S-729A	Axle Restriction on the Sakonnet River Bridge

PROVIDENCE

H-5046	Removal of the Pawtuxet River Village Dam
H-5118	Libraries: Location of Reference Resource Center
H-5717	Providence Water Supply Board – Restoration of Altered Roadways
H-5769	Minimum Housing Standards Enforcement – Forfeiture of Property
H-5867	Definition of “Peace Officer” – Includes Fire Dept. Arson Investigators
H-5945	Establishment of Lead Court Calendar within Housing Court
H-5994	Transfer of Certain Interstate Route 195 Property
H-6245	Authority to Exempt Class B License Holder from Proximity Provision
S-56	Libraries: Location of Reference Resource Center
S-114Aaa	Transfer of Certain Interstate Route 195 Property / Redevelopment Act
S-157	Removal of the Pawtuxet River Village Dam
S-437	Libraries: Location of Reference Resource Center
S-561	Act Relating to Declaration of State Highways in City – Repealed
S-652	Establishment of Lead Court Calendar within Housing Court
S-1007	Authority to Exempt Class B License Holder from Proximity Provision

RICHMOND

H-5021	Licensing of Door-to-Door Salespersons
H-5996	Expanded Regulation of Dogs and Animals at Large
S-534	Licensing of Door-to-Door Salespersons
S-919	Expanded Regulation of Dogs and Animals at Large

SCITUATE

H-6248	Eminent Domain Proceedings – Property Eliminated from Eligibility
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SMITHFIELD

H-5168	Authorization to Establish Student Assessment Fee – Municipal Services
H-5188	School Committee Meeting Notices–Posting in Newspaper Not Required
H-6020	Business Registration Fee – Amendments
H-6266	Greenville Water District – Charter Amendments
S-390	School Committee Meeting Notices-Posting in Newspaper Not Required
S-973	Business Registration Fee – Amendments
S-1048	Greenville Water District – Charter Amendments

SOUTH KINGSTOWN

H-5767	Kingston Water District – Charter Amendment
H-6235	Authority to Exempt Class BV License Holder from Proximity Provision
S-49	Kingston Water District – Charter Amendment
S-526	Permission for Structural Shoreline Protection Facilities at Matunuck

TIVERTON

H-5080	Computation of School Housing Aid Ratio
H-5531	Axle Restriction on the Sakonnet River Bridge
H-6048	Sales Tax Exemption in Arts & Entertainment Dist. – Sandywoods Farms
H-6089	Bonds - \$7,000,000 – Public Library
S-729A	Axle Restriction on the Sakonnet River Bridge
S-768	Sales and Income Tax Exemptions in “Arts and Entertainment District”
S-922	Bonds - \$7,000,000 – Public Library

WARWICK

H-5394	\$5,000,000 Annual Appropriation by R.I. Airport Corporation
H-5617	Authorization to Set Local Hotel Tax Rate at 2%
H-5622	Warwick Sewer Authority – Requesting Audit by State Auditor General
H-6275	Elderly Tax Exemption – Owner-occupied Residential Property
S-112	Warwick Sewer Authority – Charter Amendments
S-362	Property Tax Classification – Owner Occupied Mixed Use Properties
S-549	Elderly Tax Exemption – Owner-occupied Residential Property
S-767	Property Tax Exemption – Clouds Hill Victorian House Museum
S-963	Requesting Amendment to Foundation Education Aid Formula
S-970	Amend Federal Law – Advertisements on City Government Website
S-1057	Dissolution of Sewer Authority – Establishment of Sewer Department

WEST GREENWICH

H-5962 Charter Amendments – Validation / Ratification

S-921 Charter Amendments – Validation / Ratification

WEST WARWICK

H-5552 Delay Required Installation of Fire Safety Measures in School Buildings

H-6034 Exemption from Level Funding Requirement for Libraries

H-6058 Annual Financial Town Meeting to Be Held on June 14, 2011

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H-6106 State Aid to Libraries – Exemption from Level Funding Requirement

S-774 Delay Required Installation of Fire Safety Measures in School Buildings

S-879 Annual Financial Town Meeting to be Held on June 14, 2011

S-1015 State Aid to Libraries – Exemption from Level Funding Requirement

S-1031 Charter Amendments – Validation / Ratification

WESTERLY

H-5594 Exemption from Level of Funding of Education Provisions

H-5595 Exemption from Adequate Minimum Budget Provision – School Funding

S-565 Exemption from Level of Funding of Education Provisions

S-596 Exemption from Adequate Minimum Budget Provision – School Funding

WOONSOCKET

H-5315 Creation of Waste-to-Energy Facility Located in the City

H-5450 Proof of Identity for Voting to Be Required

S-159 Residential Rehabilitation Exemption – Completion of Repairs

S-851 Creation of Waste-to-Energy Facility Located in the City

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